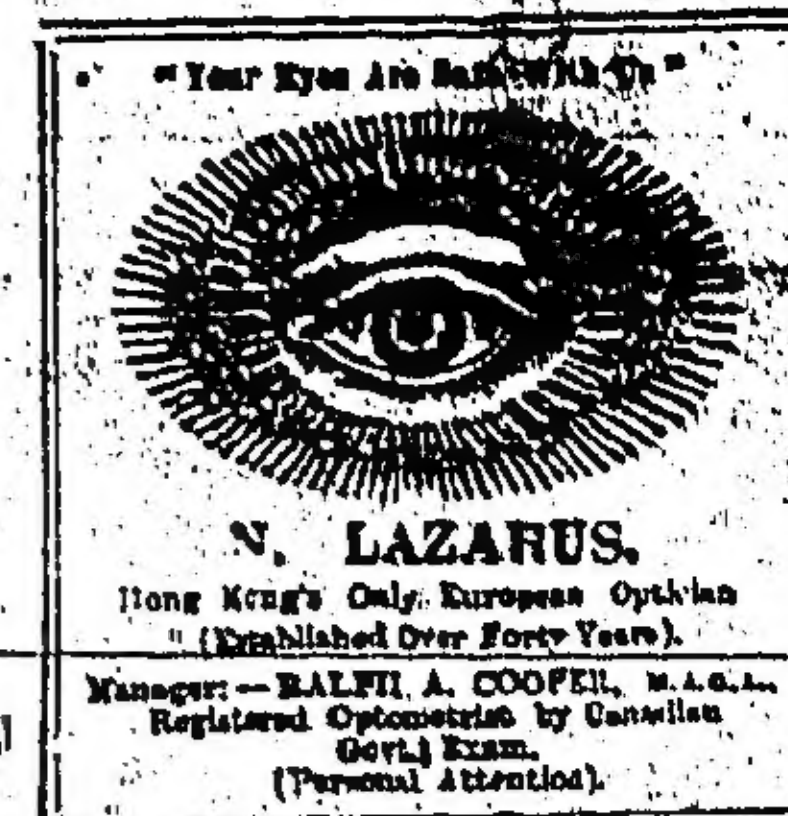


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END OF THE MAFIA.

DREADED SECRET SOCIETY.

MUSSOLINI KEEPS A PLEDGE.

With the sentencing at the Assize Court of Termini Imerese, in the north of Sicily, of 147 members of the Mafia, the grip of this dreaded secret society over Sicily has been broken.

The domination of the Mafia in that island has lasted for many years. It had brought to such a high pitch of perfection its methods of terrorism and reprisals that the Crown could formerly never find a witness against a member. With the sentencing of individual terrorists, however, the confidence of the people in the protection of the police increased until at last many people came forward to testify against the members.

The origin of the Mafia is lost in antiquity. It first became powerful in the shape of a secret patriotic society, but degenerated into a criminal association.

Judges in its Ranks. It soon had Sicily completely in its grip. Spreading terror far and wide, it was able to commit any crime with impunity, as the police, and even judges, were in its ranks.

It levied large sums from landowners, and either murdered those who refused payment or destroyed their crops and maimed their cattle.

Occasionally one band of Mafiosi would start fighting another band for supremacy. Regular wars would ensue. Murder was rife on all sides, but the law was always powerless.

Men have been stabbed to death in broad daylight in a crowded public thoroughfare, but not a single witness was found who would admit having seen anything.

Members of the Mafia belonged to all classes of society, the leaders often belonging to the highest. Signor Mussolini, the Premier, soon decided that the activities must be stopped at all costs.

Following his usual custom, he picked a man in whom he had complete confidence and gave him full powers.

The choice fell on Signor Mori, himself a Sicilian. He replaced all doubtful police officers, recruited men of proved character, and imported a Fascist militia.

Gradually the first convictions were obtained. The police arrested hundreds at a time. The process culminated at the trial at Termini Imerese, which has broken the back of the Mafia. Sicilians are blessing Signor Mussolini, who has rid the island of the terror which oppressed it.

Intolerant Of Authority. Mafiosi, as the members of the society were called, were intolerant of all established authority. They obeyed only the unwritten code of Omertà, which expressed itself in such sayings as:

The gallows for the poor, justice for the poor.
If I die I shall be buried; if I live I shall kill you.
To speak little is a fine art.

The most common saying of the Mafia, which typifies its activities better than anything else, was "blood washes blood."

Smuggling and brigandage were the chief activities of the Mafia Bosses, or poorer class men.

The Alta Mafia (the men in yellow gloves) were the rich assassins, who did not bother themselves with vulgar crimes. They administered the abduction of wealthy men, arranged the abduction of women, and held them to ransom. Legal authority was powerless, judges and witnesses being terrorized.

In any district, the greatest bully and villain was known as Capò Mafioso, and he ruled despotically until a stronger rose and killed him or usurped authority.

SIR JOHN SIMON LEAVES THE BAR.

TALENTS TO BE DEVOTED TO POLITICS.

END OF BRILLIANT LEGAL CAREER.

It has been officially announced that Sir John Simon, K.C., M.P., whose work on the Indian Commission is expected to take two years, has decided to retire from his practice at the Bar.

This announcement, writes a correspondent to a Home paper, brings to an end a legal career the success of which has seldom been equaled within the last 50 years. Most outstanding in the general mind will be his elucidation, on the third day of the General Strike, of the law on the Trade Disputes Act; a pronouncement which, coupled with the Ashbury judgment, made it clear that the stoppage was not legally a strike at all.

A Rivalry. Called to the Bar in 1899, Sir John Simon was, when Mr. Asquith selected him for the position of Solicitor-General in 1910, the second youngest holder of that office on record. In 1913 he became Attorney-General, and in 1915 Home Secretary in the first Coalition Government.

While at Oxford he succeeded Mr. F. E. Smith (now the Earl of Birkenhead) as President of the Union; the beginning of a rivalry in law and politics which was to continue until Lord Birkenhead, as Secretary for India, suggested him for the Chairmanship of the Indian Reforms Commission. During the war he was in France as a Major in the R.A.F. He has represented the Spem Valley Division of Yorkshire in Parliament since 1922, and was formerly member for Walthamstow.

RED INDIAN ROMANCE.

CHIEF WEDS SWEETHEART OF 50 YEARS AGO.

A true romance of the forest had its happy sequel at the little church of the Muncey Reserve (says a Central News message from St. Thomas, Ontario), when Chief Johns, a 70-year-old Indian chief, was married to Jane Nicholas, the oneida reserve. The bride is 65 years old. Both belong to the Wabnapke tribe.

As a young Indian brave, Johns courted the fair Indian maid in the forests of the reserve 50 years ago. They were to have married in 1879, but parental objection prevented it, and the young lovers were separated. Soon afterwards both married according to their parents' desires.

Chief Johns took a bride from Moravian Town. Jane Nicholas has been twice married. Her first husband died in 1884 and the second several years ago. The wife of Chief Johns also died a few years ago, and the friendship between him and his former sweetheart, which had continued throughout the half century, brought them together in marriage.

It was a gala event in the reserve, hundreds attending and giving the bride and groom many costly and beautiful presents. Among the attendants at the wedding were the bridegroom's two stalwart sons. They escorted their father to the altar and welcomed their new mother to the parental roof.

HISTORY "HOWLERS."

BOYS OF HARROW SCHOOL.

The following "howlers" were perpetrated by boys of Harrow School in history papers:

"Boadicea walked through the town without any clothes on."

"Boadicea was one of Henry VIII's wives."

"Boadicea was Caesar's wife."

"Domestica Book was a book in which all about the estates was written down so as to see about taxes."

"Philip had made England Roman Catholic, but when Elizabeth came to the throne England was made Christian."

DIARY OF EVENTS.

THE HONGKONG

TO-DAY.

H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (first day). Entries close for H.K. Horticultural Society's Annual Flower Show, 1 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Army v. R.A.F. (Sir Shield); Y.M.C.A. v. Queen's II; University v. Navy II.
Marine Engineers' Guild of China (H.K. Branch) meeting, 67, Des Voeux Road Central, 8 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights."
World Theatre: "Barbara Frietchie."
Star Theatre: "Man Trap."
The Banvard Musical Company present "Black Bottom Revue," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Principal Mails: Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers, and London Parcel Mail (Kamala). Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (Change), 5 p.m.; Canada, America, etc., Europe via San Francisco, and via Siberia (President Pierce), 6 p.m.

TUESDAY.

H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (second day). Cricket: Volunteers v. Combined League, H.K.C.C. ground.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club 2nd XI v. 3/18th Punjab; Marina Ground, 6 p.m.
Tutorial Institute of Hong Kong Prize Distribution and Concert, Hop Yat Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Dockyard Ladies Recreation Club Whist Drive, Seamen's Institute.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club Whist Drive, Cathedral Hall, 8.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Two Arabian Knights."
World Theatre: "Fascinating Youth."
Star Theatre: "He Who Gets Slapped."
The Banvard Musical Company present "Black Bottom Revue," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Principal Mails: Inward: U.S.A., etc. (President Jackson). Outward: Europe via Marseilles, etc. (D'Artagnan), 2.30 p.m.; Canada, America, etc., Europe via Vancouver, B.C., and via Siberia (Empress of Canada), 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting (third day). Cricket: H.K. University Inter-Faculty Match: Medicals v. Arts.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Hockey: Club v. R.A.F. (Sim Shield).
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club Dance, Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Magic Flame."
World Theatre: "Fascinating Youth."
Star Theatre: "He Who Gets Slapped."
The Banvard Musical Company present "Whirled into Happiness," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

THURSDAY.

30th Ordinary Annual Meeting of the "Star" Ferry Co., Ltd., Jardine, Matheson's Board Room, 12.30 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 5-6.30 p.m.
Football: H. K. F. A. Shield Competition: Chinese Athletic v. K.O.S.B.; Club de Recreo v. Police; Royal Artillery v. South China A.A.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
South China Command 1st Annual Boxing Tournament, R.A.S.C. Parade Ground, Whitefield Barracks (first night), 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Magic Flame."
World Theatre: "Yolanda."
Star Theatre: "Tin Gods."
The Banvard Musical Company present "Katja, The Dancer," Star Theatre, 8.15 p.m.
Principal Mails: Inward: Australia, etc. (Tango Maru). Outward: Canada, America, etc., and Europe via Victoria, B.C. (Tallahwin), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Yunnan), 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Helena May Institute Bible Study Circle, 10.30 a.m.

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25,000 REFUGEES IN TSINAN.

The famine in Shantung and parts of Chihli is growing worse. People are pulling down their houses in certain areas, selling the material for food or using the wood for fuel. The corn for next harvest has not been sown, animals are disappearing and the depredations of brigands add to the miseries of the people. The local officials and the China International Famine Relief Commission are doing what they can to alleviate the situation and appeal urgently for funds.

The latest reports, says a message from the China International Famine Relief Commission, from Tsinan indicate that the famine in the Shantung-Chihli area is getting more intense every day. This fact is borne out by the pulling down of houses in some regions for sale. In the country side, one now sees standing walls among the village dwellings. When the people are compelled to sell the material of their houses for food and fuel, it is to be taken as a sign of acute suffering and excessive privation.

The second indication of the suffering is the continued emigration of people eastward to Manchuria. One special investigator sent into the field by the Shantung Committee of the C.I.F.R.C. reported that as much as 60 per cent. of the population in the districts he visited, have already gone, mostly to Manchuria and other places not so far distant. Of those still remaining in the villages 20 per cent., according to the same investigator, are sick.

Reports of other investigators returning to Tsinan stated that in western districts of the province many farms have not been planted with winter wheat. Famine animals are rapidly disappearing as the clutch of famine tightens. Robbers have increased in number adding more terror to the already suffering people, but the ones whose fate is most pitiful are those who can neither leave the place nor find enough food to sustain life.

In Linting region, famine is also reported to be severe. "Every day children are brought to me," says one missionary. They have been picked up from the road and field. I do not know to whom I can give them nor how to support them. Another missionary in Wen Chang says: "Scarcely any rain fell and an attempt was made to plant the crops but the drought soon killed everything. In the past year there was a failure of crops on account of the floods and in consequence the people were already in debt before this year's failure. Whoever had a little money emigrated. At the beginning of December in the 20 villages, there were at least 1,500 persons who were without food."

One other reported, "in my district three-fourths of the people were having no food since November last. A large part has emigrated. People cannot find anyone who will buy their land. Gifts are sold for \$3. The misery is terrible."

Relief Work In Progress.

The Shantung Committee of the China International Famine Relief Commission was able to report that courageous efforts were being made by the local officials to meet the famine situation. In addition to what has already been published, they have fed many famine stricken people in the province. As much as \$430,000 worth of grain has been obtained through the local officials from Manchuria for famine relief.

The military authorities have set aside one train to be used exclusively for bringing this grain to Shantung. Another train is being prepared for the same purpose. Before the winter is over, the food for the 25,000 refugees in Tsinan alone would cost the local authorities something like \$300,000; so far 10,000 suits of clothing have been distributed through the governmental agencies. "But," adds the report, "the Government alone cannot meet the problem in its entirety. We need outside help."

In response to the call issued by the Commission, the American Advisory Committee of the China Famine Fund has voted a sum of \$72,845.12 for relief work in the stricken area and the Japanese Red Cross has sent in its donation of Yen 2,000. In his letter of transmittal, Baron S. Hirayama, President of the Japanese Red Cross, indicated the sympathy of the Japanese people for the affected population in Chihli and Shantung.

LADY HOUSTON.

£1,500,000 CHEQUE NOT MET.

HER STATEMENT.

"WILL SHORTLY BE PAID IN FULL."

PARIS, Jan. 6th.

I understand that the cheque for £1,500,000 written by Lady Houston in favour of the Treasury as an act of grace in reply to the Treasury's claim against her husband's estate for death duties has not been met, writes a correspondent of the Daily Express in Paris under date of January 6th.

This cheque was drawn on Coutts Bank, and was signed by Lady Houston at the second of her recent interviews with Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Douglas Hogg at the Treasury offices.

Lady Houston is at present on the Continent, and she authorised the following statement to be made:

"The immense fortune of one million and a half will shortly be paid over in full. The negotiations leading up to the fulfilment of the payment of the cheque handed by Lady Houston to the Chancellor of the Exchequer have entailed an immense amount of work, as a huge fortune like this is usually spread out in securities which are world-wide.

"The Treasury, of course, quite understood that before the sum could be paid up it would take some considerable time to gather together, and Lady Houston was most anxious that this should be done as expeditiously as possible. The transaction is now very near completion, so that the whole affair has really been accomplished in a record time having regard to the amount involved."

Lady Houston's Letter.

The Daily Express has also received the following letter from Lady Houston:—

"To the Editor of the Daily Express.

"Sir,—It was chiefly my indignation at the wholesale mud-slinging at the late Sir Robert Houston which prompted me to enter into the negotiations with the Chancellor of the Exchequer myself. It will be remembered that in my first telegram from Scotland to the Chancellor I said, 'The bulk of Sir Robert Houston's fortune was made in South America. Therefore the money which I propose to give to the English exchequer was made out of England.'

"As a matter of fact the whole absurd attack on Sir Robert as a shipowner applied to every other British shipowner, because the statement has been made that Sir Robert Houston was most unpatriotic in taking his money from England where, it was said, he had made every penny of it. But if this statement is reflected upon it will be found to be utterly untrue, not only in connection with my late husband, but also in reference to any other shipowner, because only by circling the British Isles and keeping well within the three miles radius could it be said that any shipowner has made his money in England."

FANNY LUCY HOUSTON.

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HE HELPS THE ELECTRICIAN AT THE ZOO.

A chimpanzee in the Zoo sanatorium has "set himself on" as the electrician's mate.

It is to be distinctly understood that he is in no way entering into competition with plumbers' mates, because he cannot be trained into the art of forgetting things.

What actually happened is this: The chimpanzee only recently arrived in England, and was in the sanatorium for the quarantine period.

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The chimp watched him as he worked. Eventually he cut a hole through the wall close up to the ceiling, went to the next cage and pushed a length of pipe through. When he returned he found a "colour" neatly screwed on to the end of the pipe and all ready for him to carry on with the joining up.

The chimpanzee peered into the electrician's face as though anxiously inquiring, "Is that done right?"

He had climbed up an apparently unclimbable wall to perform the task. The electrician says that if he had the chimpanzee for a month he could train him into a first-class mite, and with such help he could double his present earnings.

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A General Post Office notification, issued on Saturday, gives the following list of correspondence, etc., awaiting claimants at the Post Office:—

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H. Charence (c/o American Consulate), W. Hughes (c/o H.K. Hotel), Mr. and Mrs. Edith Jackson, Dr. C. M. Lee (Episcopal Hospital), W. R. Perera (c/o As. Blancherose H.K. Hotel), Miss V. Smith (c/o American Consulate).

Registered Articles.

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EXECUTION PHOTO.

New York. As an example of morbid enterprise, a full-page reproduction of a photograph of the electrocution of Ruth Snyder was published in the front page of one of New York's most widely-circulated picture papers, this morning.

This production must have been the work of sensational journalism. The whole effect is revolting and will undoubtedly arouse loud protests.

Copies of the newspaper with this dreadful photograph were greedily snapped up, and very soon the whole edition was sold out, with the newsboys clamouring for additional copies.

The photograph was apparently taken by a reporter in the death chamber by means of a concealed camera.

Dan Nhung, K. C. Perera, M. H. Pearson, Miss Rosa Sanchez, Capt. R. Schriber, Paul Wolcott (s.s. Anvers), R. R. Wright (c/o American Consulate), Yardsynsky (c/o Ottery).

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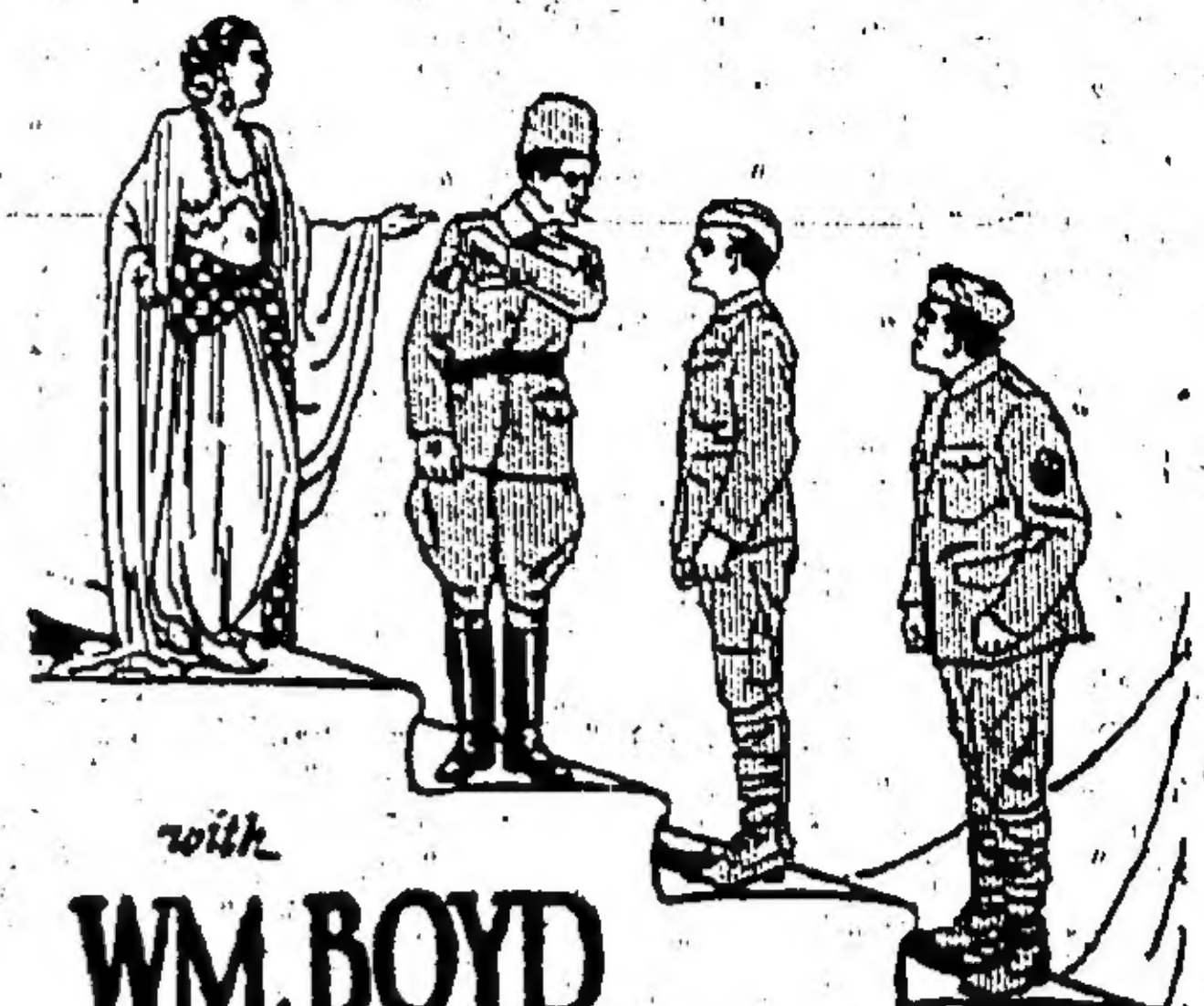
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MINOR MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

OFFICE FOR YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY.

Several Ministerial changes were announced from 10, Downing Street last night, says the Morning Post of January 14th. There has been a considerable reshuffling in the junior offices, and four backbenchers are given office for the first time—Mr. Herbert Williams (Leeds), Mr. Duff Cooper (Oldham), Mr. F. G. Penny (Kingston-upon-Thames), and Lord Titchfield (Newark); full details of the changes were published at the time, having been cabled by Reuter.

All the new recruits belong to the younger section of the Conservative party, and an average age of 41 replaces an average of 50. The changes also bring a considerable increase of debating strength to the Treasury bench. Mr. Herbert Williams is always prominent in debate when financial and industrial questions are before the House, and Mr. Duff Cooper has likewise made a considerable reputation by his speeches.

Mr. A. Duff Cooper, who goes to the War Office, has been marked out for early office almost since his first appearance in the House of Commons. He was first elected for Oldham in 1924. He made a remarkable impression with his maiden speech, and afterwards proved one of the most active and able of the younger men on the Tory benches—he is only 38. He was at the Foreign Office for several years, and served from 1914 to 1918 with the Grenadier Guards. He married in 1919 Lady Diana Manners, daughter of the 6th Duke of Rutland. He was educated at Eton and New College, Oxford.

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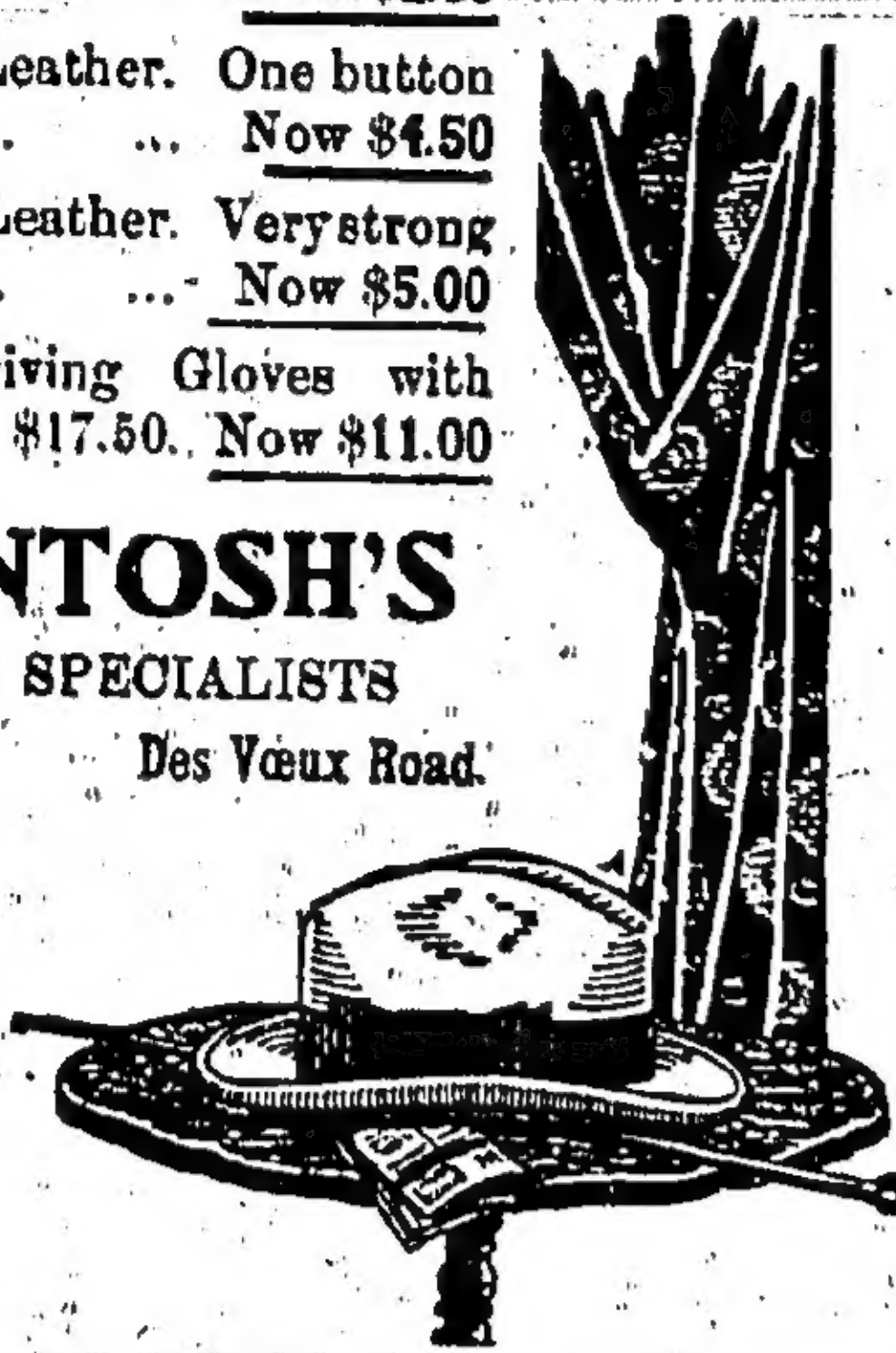
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DEATH DUTIES ON THE BELL-IRVING ESTATE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S APPEAL DISMISSED.

LEVY TO BE MADE IN RESPECT OF BOTH DEATHS.

At the Supreme Court on Saturday morning, His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) delivered judgment in the recent appeal made by the administrator of the will of the late Mr. John Bell-Irving, against a decision of the Hong Kong Estate Duty Commission with regard to the amount of duty to be paid following the death of Mrs. Bell-Irving, a member of the Jardine family whose husband had shortly predeceased her.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared for the appellant, and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. H. K. Holmes (Crown Solicitor) was for respondents.

The appeal was dismissed the judge holding that the Hong Kong and Shanghai property must pay on the money left to the wife as well as the Testator's Home property.

Delivering his judgment, His Lordship said:—This is an appeal by the administrator of the estate of Mrs. Isabella Bell-Irving, deceased, against a decision of the Commission appointed to carry out the provisions of the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915, which is modelled on the provisions of the Finance Act, 1894, though in certain sections of the Ordinance there are departures from the phraseology of the Act.

The facts are not disputed and I will proceed to state them shortly:

By a settlement dated September 28th, 1884, John Bell-Irving, in view of a marriage contemplated and shortly to be solemnized between himself and deceased, then Isabella Thornton, conveyed certain shares and moneys to Trustees upon trust to pay the income arising therefrom to John Bell-Irving during his life, and, after his death to the deceased during her life, should she survive him; and, after the death of the survivor, and subject to a power of appointment, which in fact was not exercised, in trust to divide the fund amongst the children of the marriage in equal shares. The marriage took place, and there are surviving issue of the marriage.

By a Trust Disposition and Settlement or Last Will and Testament (hereafter referred to as "the Will") dated December 24th, 1921, John Bell-Irving appointed two bodies of Trustees, respectively denominated "Foreign Trustees" and "General Trustees."

He devised to his Foreign Trustees all his property, of whatever kind, situated in Hong Kong and Shanghai, upon trust, with all convenient speed after such property shall have come or any part thereof shall from time to time have come into their hands, to transfer or pay the same or the free proceeds thereof to the General Trustees. A power of sale was given to the Foreign Trustees but no directions were contained in the Will as to any payment of the Testator's debts by the Foreign Trustees; and their sole duty under the Will was to collect the Testator's estate, to transfer or pay it to the General Trustees, and to render accounts of their dealings with it to the latter. There was a further provision that, failing the Foreign Trustees named in the Will or nominated under the powers reserved to the Testator therein, the General Trustees might appoint persons to take the property situated in Hong Kong and in Shanghai and deal with it as directed by the Will.

To the General Trustees the Testator devised all property belonging to him at the time of his death, except that devised to his Foreign Trustees but including such part thereof as the General Trustees might receive from the Foreign Trustees under the circumstances already mentioned.

The General Trustees were directed to pay, out of the funds coming to their hands, the Testator's debts except those affecting his real property in Scotland, and numerous legacies left by the Will; and in particular to make payment out of his general estate to Mrs. Bell-Irving, of a free yearly annuity of £2,000 sterling. The Will goes on to provide that in the event of his "general estate being insufficient to meet the whole of the provisions payable thereout in the terms of these presents then the provisions in favour of my said wife shall be paid or set aside preferably, and the provisions in favour of my children out of the said general estate shall all suffer a proportionate abatement."

Duties Claimed On Wife's Annuity.

John Bell-Irving died on July 30th, 1925, without having revoked or altered his Will; and estate duty has been paid locally on his Hong Kong Estate. Mrs. Bell-Irving died on August 10th, 1925, and it is admitted that up to the time of her death none of the Estate devised to the Foreign Trustees had been transferred or paid by them to the General Trustees under the provisions to that effect contained in the Will.

The Commission under the Estate Duty Ordinance, 1915, has called for payment of Estate Duty in respect of (a) the funds settled under the Settlement of September 28th, 1884, (hereafter referred to as "the settled funds"); and (b) the annuity

made payable to the deceased under the Will of December 24th, 1921, (hereafter referred to as "the annuity"); and it is against this claim that this appeal is brought.

The Commissioner has decided that, as regards the settled funds, property has passed on the death of Mrs. Bell-Irving which is liable to estate duty under section 4 of the Ordinance, but it is argued on behalf of the appellant that no property has passed, that a cesser of an interest has arisen under section 5 (1) (b) of the Ordinance, that the value of such interest must be calculated under section 13 (5) and that as the last named provision cannot be used for the purpose, this is a *casus omittus* and there is consequently no liability to pay duty.

I will first deal with question of whether this case does or does not fall under s. 4 of the Ordinance.

The corresponding section of the Finance Act, 1894 (s. 1) directs that estate duty is to be levied on all property "real or personal, settled or not settled" passing at death. The words "real or personal, settled or not settled" do not appear in s. 4 of the Ordinance, but in my opinion this omission does not affect the meaning as it is covered by the definition of property in s. 3 (1) (f) of the Ordinance, which is in much more comprehensive terms than the corresponding definition in s. 22 (1) (f) of the Finance Act, 1894. It follows, therefore, that decisions of the English Courts on s. 1 of the Finance Act, 1894, are directly in point when considering the true construction of s. 4 of the Ordinance.

Test Case Cited.

It was urged on behalf of the appellant that on Mrs. Bell-Irving's death no property passed from her to anybody and therefore s. 4 of the Ordinance did not apply; and that what really happened was a cesser of interest which brought the case within s. 5 (1) (b) of the Ordinance. As is pointed out by Mr. Justice Russell in "In re Cassel," 43 Times Law Reports at page 742, it would at first sight appear that where a life interest in "A," ceased by "A's" death, with the result that an interest in "B," which during "A's" life was reversionary, became an interest in possession, no property passed on "A's" death; "A's" interest merely ceased, no part of it is transferred to "B," or passes to "B"; and consequently such a case should fall within s. 2 (1) (b) of the Finance Act, 1894 (corresponding to s. 5 (1) (b) of the Ordinance) and should only come within the charging section, s. 1 of the Act (corresponding to s. 4 of the Ordinance) by virtue of s. 2 (1) (b) of the Act. But Mr. Justice Russell decided that he was constrained to hold, on the authority of the House of Lords in *Cowley v. Revenue* (1899) A.C. 198, that in the circumstances above set forth, property passed on the death of "A," and that s. 1 and not s. 2 of the Finance Act applied.

Mr. Jenkin, counsel for the appellant, could not distinguish the circumstances in this case from those to which Mr. Justice Russell referred in "In re Cassel," (supra), and I must hold that the circumstances are, in fact, indistinguishable, that property passed on the death of Mrs. Bell-Irving and therefore that duty is payable under s. 4 of the Ordinance.

Even if I had agreed with Mr. Jenkin that the case fell within s. 5 (1) (b) of the Ordinance, I could not have held that, inasmuch as duty could not have been calculated under s. 13 (5) of the Ordinance, no duty was payable. Estate duty is chargeable under s. 4, whether the interest liable to duty falls within s. 4 or s. 5 of the Ordinance. At most s. 13 (5) of the Ordinance is a mere supplementary machinery which, if true, is only applicable to cases like the cesser of an annuity; but I can see no reason for holding that an interest in property, which is not of the nature of an annuity, cannot be dealt with for the purposes of assessment of duty under s. 4 and s. 9 (4) of the Ordinance. There is certainly nothing in s. 13 (5) which, in my opinion, constrains me to hold that unless the estate duty can be assessed under Schedule III, and interest falling under s. 5 (1) (b) of the Ordinance is not liable to duty.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The directors of the Hong Kong Tramways, Limited report that the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1927, show that the profit for the year amounts to \$682,857.73, brought forward from last balance sheet was \$243,011.04; making a balance in hand of \$1,230,848.82.

An interim dividend of 80 cents per share paid 23rd August, 1927 amounted to \$390,000; written off goodwill and construction expenses in the item tramway undertaking was \$68,000; the final dividend for the year 1927 of 80 cents per share, recommended by the directors amounts to \$820,000; these three items come to \$978,000; leaving to be carried forward \$252,848.82.

The Rev. Fr. L. Robert resigned from the board during the year and Mr. A. O. Lang also resigned upon leaving the Colony from which time Mr. L. J. Davies served as a director, but has since resigned. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie has filled the vacancy and now offers himself for election.

The retiring directors are Mr. D. G. M. Bernard and Mr. A. H. Compton and the Auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, offer themselves for re-election.

The company's ordinary yearly general meeting will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Monday, February 27th, at noon.

REAL REVUE TO-NIGHT.

AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

The Banvard Musical Comedy Company are giving the "Black Bottom Revue" at the Theatre Royal to-night. Much time and expense has been given to the production with the object of presenting patrons with a real Revue based upon the best English, American and French models—in fact the three elements are very happily combined. The music is almost entirely American, the humour essentially British, and the costumes decidedly French. Very delightful incidents will be the Totem Pole Dance from "Rose Marie," the "Black Bottom Dance" (twice), the poignant little sketch "The Past Master" and "Drama v. Feet." John Hagan and Frank Atkinson have ample opportunity to be funny in "A Stretch of Imagination," "Why are you sad?" "Who's Robinson?" and many other comedy sketches, while the singing and dancing abilities of the principal ladies, Miss Dalé, Miss Leslie, Miss Lancaster and Miss D'Arcy are given ample scope as also is the fine baritone voice of William Senior. The "Black Bottom Revue" proved the most popular item in the Company's repertoire in India and there appears to be every reason to expect that Hong Kong will endorse that opinion.

As regards the annuity, it is argued on behalf of the appellant that, under s. 5 (2) of the Ordinance, estate duty is not payable in respect of its cesser because it was charged wholly on property situate outside the Colony.

I have set out the relevant provisions of the Will under which the annuity arose, and it appears to me to be abundantly clear that the Testator intended to create a single fund out of which debts, legacies and the annuity were to be paid. It is true that he appointed separate executors to deal with the Hong Kong and Shanghai property, but their duties are much more like those which would ordinarily be performed by agents under a Power of Attorney, and it appears to me that they were created merely for purposes of convenience. They are directed to transfer or pay over to the General Trustees, as soon as possible, all the property in Hong Kong and Shanghai and the distribution and application of the General Estate of which all property received from the Foreign Trustees is to form part, is solely in the hands of the General Trustees.

The duty of the Foreign Trustees to render accounts to the General Trustees, and the power of the latter in the event of there being a failure in the Foreign Trustees, to appoint others in their places are also material to the consideration of the intention of the Testator to give the General Trustees possession and control over the whole of the property, other than his heritable estate in Scotland, of which he was possessed at the time of his death.

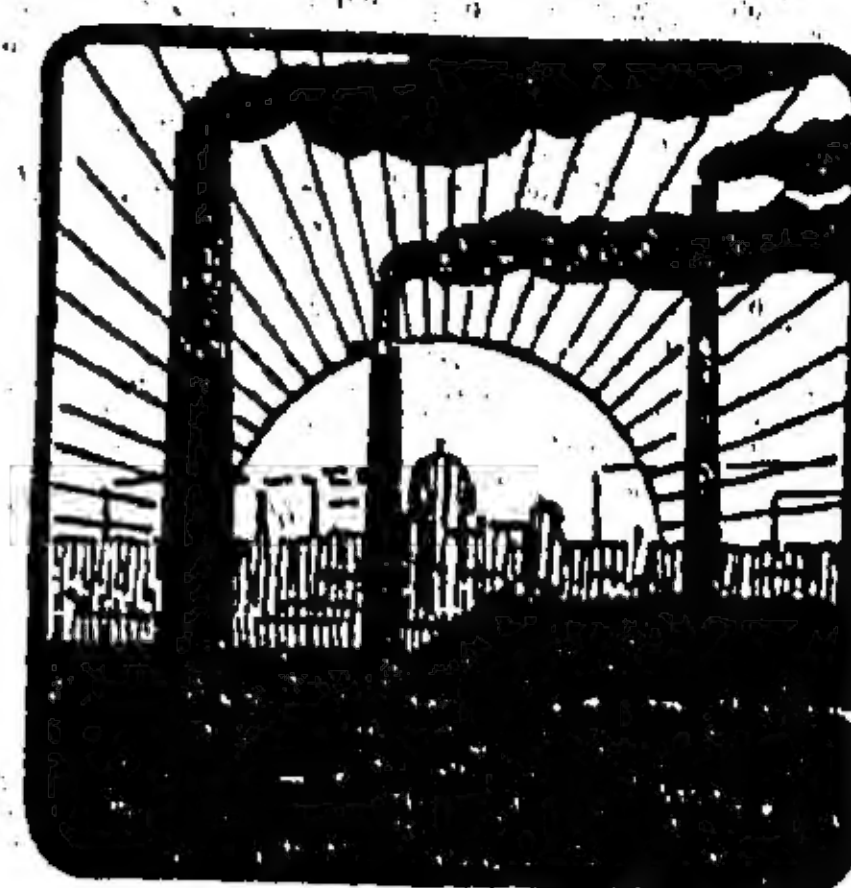
In my opinion, therefore, the Hong Kong and Shanghai property is charged with payment of the annuity as well as the property of the Testator situated in the United Kingdom.

This appeal must be dismissed with costs.

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THAT OF KWANGTUNG."

General Li Tsai Hsin was host at a large dinner given on Friday night at the Canton Provincial Government Headquarters to the local Consular, Naval and Military representatives. The last function of this nature was held about a year ago, since which time, despite many vicissitudes, relations between Chinese and foreigners in Canton have become increasingly cordial, with the result that this gathering met under the happiest auspices. The guests included the members of the Consular Body in Canton, together with representatives from the local foreign military and naval units. Ladies were also invited, and the total gathering numbered about a hundred persons.

The Guests.

The principal members of the Canton Government were present, including, besides General Li himself, the Mayor of Canton, Mr. Lam Mun Kai, the Chief of Police, Mr. Tang Yin Hua, the Commissioner of Reconstruction, Mr. Wu To Chen, the Finance Commissioner, Mr. Feng Tao Wan, the Head of the Canton Navy, Mr. Chan Chak, the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, and General Chen Ming Shu, who has recently arrived from Swatow.

The Provincial Government Headquarters were specially lighted and decorated for the occasion, and a military band gave musical honours on the arrival of the guests and also played selections during dinner. The guests were first entertained in an ante-room, being afterwards ushered into the main dining hall where an excellent Chinese repast awaited them. Speeches during dinner were made by General Li Tsai Hsin, and Dr. W. Crull, Consul for Germany and Senior Consul; Mr. K. Morita, Japanese Consul-General; Mr. J. C. Huston, American Consul-General; M. Danjou, Consul for France, and by Mr. J. F. Brennan, C.M.G., H.B.M. Consul-General.

GENERAL LI TSAI HSIN'S
WELCOME.

After asking the company to drink to the health of the Republic of China and to "Their Majesties and Presidents of all countries represented at this banquet," Gen. Li Tsai Hsin gave as his toast "The Consular Body at Canton." Welcoming his guests that evening, General Li went on to refer to the disturbed conditions prevailing in China at the present time and their reactions on world peace. He regretted that this province, in common with other parts of China, was in an unsettled state, but claimed that they in Kwangtung were doing their duty in striving for the maintenance of order and the furtherance of prosperity, thereby helping to contribute to world peace and happiness.

Promotion Of Friendship.

Replying as Senior Consul, Dr. Crull remarked that the Consular representatives in Canton were actuated by a desire to promote the best relations between China and foreign countries. There had been many obstacles in the way of the fulfilment of this desire, but no nation could thrive in isolation from the others, and for that reason it was to the best interests of both China and the foreign Powers that they should work together, and he hoped that no clouds would come to overshadow the existing friendly relations. Dr. Crull asked the company to drink to a happy and prosperous China.

Brief replies were also delivered by the Japanese, American and French Consuls, each of whom endorsed the sentiments expressed by Dr. Crull, adding in each case that their chief desire was for the maintenance and furtherance of good relations between their respective countries and China.

MR. BRENNAN'S SPEECH.

Mr. J. F. Brennan, who then proposed the toast of "The Success to the Kwangtung Provincial Government," spoke as follows:

"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,—It has fallen to my lot this evening to undertake the pleasant and honourable duty of proposing the toast of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

I am indeed glad to have the opportunity of signifying in a public manner the resumption of those friendly relations which have existed for so many years between my countrymen and the people of this province.

The British and the Cantonese have been bound to each other by close commercial ties ever since the foreign trade of this country began to be developed, and this intercourse has been of the greatest value to both nations. We have of course had our disputes and even our wars, but that experience is to be found in the history of all countries. The human race has unfortunately not yet reached that state of development when it can conduct its affairs entirely without conflict, and the great increase of rapid communication throughout the world has brought the nations into closer contact and accentuated differences in customs and ideas. But it is the duty of national representatives by friendly negotiation to remove the causes of friction and to enable the political development of their respective peoples to be fulfilled along their own national lines with mutual sympathy and understanding instead of hatred and recrimination. This, as we know, is not always easy, but nevertheless it should not be so difficult in the case of two nations like Great Britain and China, who really have no conflicting interests but are at one in desiring the furtherance of their trade and commerce.

Hong Kong's Desire For Friendship.

The proximity of the Colony of Hong Kong whose peace and prosperity is bound up with that of this province renders it particularly desirable that British relations with the Provincial Government should be on a friendly footing, and on the other hand this Colony can be of great assistance to the province in dealing with many of its most pressing problems. The good understanding between the two places has unfortunately been interrupted in recent years, an interruption which was largely due to an alien influence which endeavoured to use the Chinese nationalist movement for its own selfish ends. The recent exposure of that evil influence, and the expulsion of its agents by the Chinese authorities has opened the way again to normal and friendly intercourse with the liberal nations of the world. It was in anticipation of that result that the British Government declared in its memorandum of December, 1926 its friendly policy and genuine sympathy with Chinese national aspirations, in return for that protection which British interests are entitled to expect from a civilized Government, and you will have seen in to-day's press telegrams that that policy has been reaffirmed by His Majesty the King, and by all the party leaders, at the opening of the British Parliament in London.

Tribute To General Li.

His Excellency General Li and his present colleagues in Canton have, as we all know, taken an important part in bringing about the present improved state of affairs. You will therefore I am sure join with me in wishing them success in the difficult task which now lies before them; namely to restore peaceful and prosperous conditions to the much harassed people of this province. So far as the British are concerned I can assure him that we will watch his work with sympathetic interest and will be glad to give him such assistance as may be possible in the circumstances.

I should also like to take this opportunity of expressing a personal appreciation of the courtesy which has always been shown to myself and my Consular colleagues by the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Chu Chao Hsin.

Mr. Chu is one of China's most notable diplomats who has served his country with distinction in London and Rome, and with the League of Nations, and his appointment to his present post is in itself a friendly gesture by the Canton authorities to the foreign representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask you to drink to the success of the Kwangtung Provincial Government.

(Continued on next column.)

LI TSAI HSIN'S
POLICY.RUMOURED NORTHERN
ALLIANCE DENIED.CHEN MING SHU TO RESTORE
ORDER IN DISTRICTS.ATTACK ON BIAS BAY
PROJECTED.

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

The rumour is strongly denied in official circles that General Li Tsai Hsin is seeking to withdraw from the Kuomintang and to conclude an alliance with Marshal Chang Tso Lin. The rumour has arisen out of General Li's efforts to disentangle Kwangtung from the Civil War, and to avoid external commitments of any kind. This naturally involves hostility with the Nationalists and Nanking, who, for obvious reasons, seek to undermine Li Tsai Hsin by crediting him with an alliance with the Northern war lord.

The present regime in Canton is very anxious to cultivate good relations with Great Britain and it is suggested that the British Minister to Peking, Sir Miles Lampson, he invited to Canton when he makes his forthcoming visit to Hong Kong. It is also possible that the Governor of Hong Kong may receive a similar invitation.

General Chen Ming Shu has accepted the post of Chairman of the Political Administrative Council, which is equivalent to Civil Governor of the Province. General Chen will make the suppression of Bolshevism in the Hoifung and Luk-fung Districts and the clearing up of the pirates around Weini, including Bias Bay, his first duties. His advisers are insistent upon the need of restoring some semblance of government in the Districts. The threatened return of the "Reds" from the Eastern and the Northern borders to Canton City, the prevalence of piracy, the depreciation of paper currency, and the persecution of political opponents, under the pretext of hunting down "Reds," are preventing any sort of trade revival either in Canton or the districts.

The prompt and favourable response of the British Government to the request of the Canton authorities to purchase the former British Consulate in the City proper has been much appreciated. The British Consulate-General now has a very substantial building on Shamen and the old building has only been used by cadets studying Chinese and occasionally by the Consulate staff. The Consul-General and the Vice-Consuls all have their residences near the Consulate on Shamen.

Yesterday, February 12th, the anniversary of the reunification of North and South after the fall of the Monarchy was kept as a holiday in the Republic, was kept as a holiday both in Canton and among a certain section of the Chinese in Hong Kong. The journalists, observed the anniversary and no vernacular paper appears to-day.

To any Chinese patriot the celebration is a mockery for China has never been more divided than at present. Among the Nationalists, the factions in Nanking, Wuchang, and Canton cannot agree among themselves, and in Canton more than one clique is attempting to dominate, although nominally colleagues of those holding office.

GOODWILL.

Mr. Wu Te Chen then replied as a representative of the Kwangtung Government. He expressed gratification that the international obstacles which had led to misunderstanding in the past had now been done away with, and pointed out that the good relations now prevailing were at one and the same time a manifestation of the good-will existing between Chinese and commerce.

The company finally broke up about 11.30, having spent a very happy and enjoyable evening.

THE CINEMA.

"TWO ARABIAN KNIGHTS."

FANTASY AT THE QUEEN'S.

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMMES.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"Two Arabian Knights" is a war time comedy which develops on fantastic and unusual lines. Two American soldiers escape from a German Prison camp and find themselves eventually in Arabia. How they escape or the probability of the rest of their highly diverting adventures need not concern us; that the adventures and most diverting is enough.

The service men of yesterday's audience at the Queen's showed their appreciation of the adventures of the "Arabian Knights" by delighted laughter, and the rest of us enjoyed it all as much. Mary Astor makes a very charming "hour" heroine, though it is probable that her supposed compatriots would be surprised at her costume; it is certainly very fetching.

It is impossible to tell you much of the story without, to a certain extent, spoiling your enjoyment of the film, so we content ourselves with a recommendation to visit the Queen's to-day or to-morrow. Technically the film is good. Such a story a few years ago would have been treated simply as a comedy, but there is more than that in this production. The settings, grouping and photography are as carefully considered as for a more serious picture, and the acting is good throughout.

THE WEEK'S PROGRAMMES.

Queen's.

To-day and to-morrow—"Two Arabian Knights."

Wednesday to Saturday—"The Magic Flame" with Ronald Colman Vilma Banky.

World.

To-day—"Barbara Frietchie" a love story of the American Civil War, in which beautiful Florence Vidor is the heroine.

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Fascinating Youth" with all the junior stars of 1928.

Star.

To-day—"Clara Bow in 'Mantrap'."

Tuesday and Wednesday—"Lon Chaney's great picture. 'He who gets slapped.'"

Thursday to Saturday—"Tin Gods" a story of the eternal triangle with Hattie Adorée and Aileen Fringle.

FREIGHT OVERCHARGES.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS.

The case, begun at the Supreme Court on Thursday against a former employee and tallyman of the Kwong Sang Hong firm, of 250-252, Des Vaux Road Central, who was alleged to have defrauded his employers of over \$13,000, charging freight at five, seven, and sometimes nine times the amount actually paid to the shipping companies, was concluded before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) on Saturday morning.

The Kwong Sang Hong, Ltd., claimed \$13,190.55 from Chan Kau, alias Chan Sai Fong, this being the amount of which he was alleged to have defrauded plaintiffs.

During the hearing of the case on Thursday, His Lordship expressed surprise at the failure of the employers to detect frauds extending over a period of years, and remarked that it was a wonder that disaster had not overtaken them as a business concern.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared in this case for the plaintiffs, defendant being absent and not represented in Court. It was stated that defendant had left the Colony.

On Saturday, an application was made by Mr. Jenkin that the money already paid into Court standing to the credit of this action should be given to plaintiffs (this amounted to \$1,172).

This application was granted, but His Lordship said he could not at this stage grant the further application of Mr. Jenkin regarding payment of the amount to be realised on goodwill and book debts of the Yue Fong Yuen firm owned by the defendant.

His Lordship indicated that plaintiffs would have to attach the property in the ordinary way and afterwards apply for an order of sale.

His Lordship gave judgment for plaintiffs for the amount claimed, and, as stated, ordered that the amount in Court should be paid out to plaintiffs.

DINNER PARTY SCENE.

TURBULENT AMAH SUM-
MONED.THREW HER WAGES ON THE
FLOOR.

A sequel to the action taken against Mrs. L. R. Castellain at the Summary Court by her amah, was heard on Saturday morning before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy when Mrs. Castellain summoned her amah for alleged disorderly conduct and the use of abusive language.

Mrs. Castellain said that the defendant had been in her employ since July last year. She had had a lot of trouble with the amah, who, said the complainant, had a most domineering and aggressive disposition. As she was often alone in the house, Mrs. Castellain had to lock herself in her own room to avoid the amah.

The defendant was given some sewing to do, and this she did so badly that it had to be undone. The result was that the defendant had to be paid twice for the same work.

Matters were brought to a climax on January 14th, when the complainant had two guests to dinner. After finishing her duties, the amah approached Mrs. Castellain, in the presence of her guests, and demanded her wages for December. The amount due her then was \$27. Out of this amount Mrs. Castellain deducted \$5 for breakages and gave defendant the balance.

Defendant admitted that she had broken several articles, but refused to pay for them. She swept the money on the floor and began to make a noise in the house. The total breakage amounted to \$20.

Mrs. Castellain then sent one of her guests out for a policeman. She also had in the meanwhile written out a cheque for \$31 for the defendant's wages up to January 14th. Police constables then came on the scene and after talking to pacify the defendant, they took her away at the request of Mrs. Castellain.

The defendant said that she failed to understand why this action was taken against her. She said that she had won her case at the Summary Court.

The Magistrate told her that that action had nothing to do with the present case, remarking that although she was given judgment in her claim for wages, it did not mean that she was not guilty of creating a disturbance.

The case was then put over for the house boy to give evidence.

THE MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

VISIT OF GENERAL
SECRETARY.

DUE TO-DAY ON "KARNALA."

Among the passengers expected to-day (Monday) on the s.s. *Karnala* are Mr. and Mrs. Stuart C. Knox.

Mr. Knox is the General Secretary of the Missions to Seamen, a post which he has held for several years, and is now engaged in making a tour of inspection of the Society's stations in India and the Far East.

This is the first time for many years that a member of the Headquarters Staff of the Missions to Seamen has paid an official visit to Hong Kong. In view of the fact that the Society only recently opened a new station at Singapore, and also that in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Kobe new institutes are likely to be erected or leased in the near future to replace existing buildings, Mr. Knox's visit is especially welcome.

It is hoped that during their stay here, an opportunity may be made for Mr. and Mrs. Knox to meet friends of the Society.

PRICE OF PERJURY.

PROSECUTION WITNESS
FINED \$50.

A Chinese appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning, charged with perjury.

On Friday, Mr. Lindell heard a gambling case from Wanabai, and the police withdrew the charge against the defendant in Saturday's case and tendered him as a witness for the prosecution. The witness, however, told a different story to what was expected from him, and absolutely denied that there had been gambling of any kind on the premises raided by the police.

The man was pinned under arrest on leaving the Court, and when charged on Saturday he was fined \$50, or four weeks' hard labour in default.

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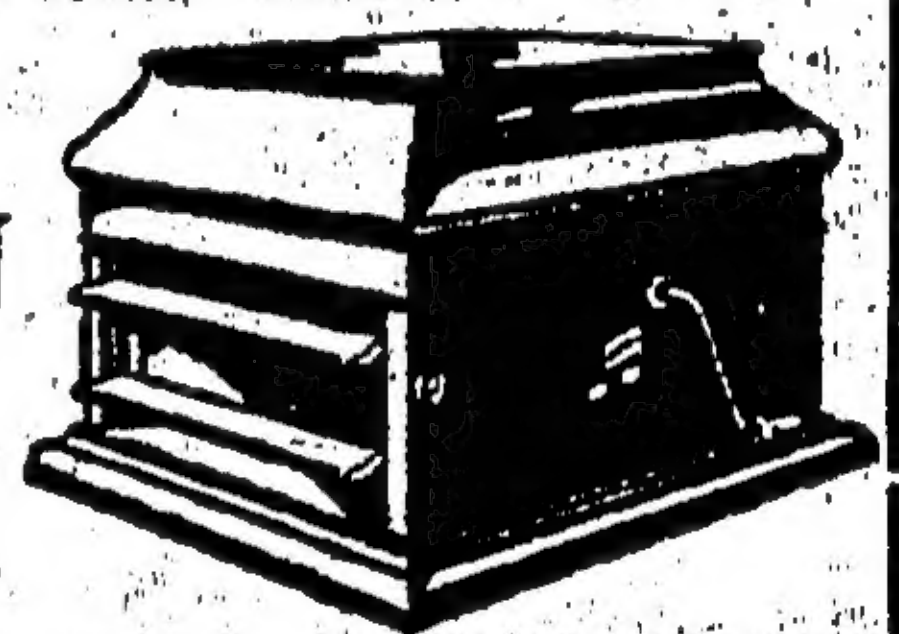
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HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of this Association will be held in the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1928, at 5.30 p.m. to pass and adopt the Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927, and to elect Officers, etc.

By Order,
G. H. S. UPSDELL,
Hon. Secretary.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December 1927. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th FEBRUARY, 1928, to WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELLI,
Secretary.

FANLING HUNT STEEPLE-CHASE.

SPRING MEETING.

SATURDAY, 3rd MARCH, 1928.

ENTRY Forms to be Returned to
Dr. F. PIERCE GROVE,
ALEXANDRA BUILDING, BEFORE NOON,
MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY, 1928.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate No. 5/NS 4-23 dated Hong Kong, 2nd October, 1917, for One Share of this Bank Numbered 54089 in the Name of Mr. LO KWONG CHUN has been LOST or STOLEN, and should this Certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 13th MARCH, 1928, a New Certificate for the Share will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 5/NS 4-23 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as NULL and VOID.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

CORRECTION.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY LIMITED, 67, First Mortgage Deben-tures (Kailan Bonds).

In the Notice appearing in these Columns from December 31st, 1927, to 7th January, 1928, the Number 31068 appeared under the heading "700 Bonds of £20 each, Numbered," etc. This should read 31068.

CYMEITHAS DEWI SANT, HONG KONG.

(St. David's Society, Hong Kong.)

THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Society will be held at LANE, CRAWFORD'S RESTAURANT on THURSDAY, MARCH 1st, at 8 p.m. Members are requested to Notify the Undersecretary as soon as possible of the Number of Tickets they require and the Names of their Guests.

G. S. HUGH-JONES,
Hon. Secretary,
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INTIMATIONS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927, and if thought fit to sanction the Payment to the Shareholders of the Yearly Sum of \$1,000.00 as an Annual Bonus in addition to the Yearly Sum of \$1,000.00 payable to them under paragraph 96 of the Company's Articles of Association as from the 1st January, 1928. The purpose of this is to make effective the following Resolution passed at the Annual Meeting of the Company held on 31st January, 1927:—That the Directors' remuneration be increased from \$1,000.00 per annum to \$2,000.00 per annum.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 5th FEBRUARY, 1928, to THURSDAY, the 16th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELLI,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th Jan. 1928. [5825]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 18th FEBRUARY, 1928, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY to SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
KAN TUN P. O.,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1928. [5846]

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at CIVIL HALL, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [5855]

HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONG KONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, the 27th Day of FEBRUARY, 1928, at 12 O'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 13th, to MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Feb., 1928. [5861]

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 44, Des Voeux Road, on THURSDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1928, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 15th FEBRUARY, to TUESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th Feb. 1928. [5864]

NOTICE.

MONIES up to \$200,000 are Available for Investment on 1st Class Mortgage Security subject to a Trustee's Valuation.

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INTIMATIONS.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will OPEN for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS at 9.30 a.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 13th, 14th and 15th INSTANT, and CLOSE at 12 Noon. Hong Kong, 6th Feb., 1928. [5868]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1928.

13th, 14th, 15th and 18th FEBRUARY.

The First Race on Each Day will be run at 12 O'clock Noon. The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. Each Day.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

MEMBERS' BADGES of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE. Members have the privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A Limited Number of Tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1928, at a Cost of \$10 Each Per Day or \$30 for the Meeting. The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 Per Day. Each Member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for the Admission of Two Ladies Free of Charge. On no pretext will Children be permitted in either Enclosure during the First Three Days Racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, Price: \$3 Per Day for all Persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. KELLY & WAH, Ltd., or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 Per Day.

Admission by Ticket only. Bookkeepers, Ties, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the Precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINTHARD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their Names on the Passes. Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' hands. Any Persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 3rd Feb., 1928. [5868]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms for the FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held on SATURDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1928 (Weather Permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONG KONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. Entries will CLOSE at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on MONDAY, 27th FEBRUARY, 1928.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, FEBRUARY 13th, 1928.

CHANGES IN FASHIONS AND TRADE.

YEAR after year as the month of February comes round, and every day that dawn brings nearer the promise of Spring in England, the mysterious people who are supposed to set the fashions in women's clothes issue their decrees. They have done it again this year by announcing that dresses are to be lengthened. It seems that there was a meeting of experts. They considered the question in a manner that befitted its importance. The prevailing fashion, as every man in the street may perceive, is for the dress to reach to a fraction of an inch below the knee. In some cases it is not below but only half way. And the problem was whether the skirt ought to be shortened still more so as to expose the whole knee. Would the Daughters of Eve welcome the fashion? It was hard to say; and then a bright idea occurred to one of the experts. Instead of shortening the skirt, lengthen it by an inch! It was an inspiration. No body had thought of that possibility before; but for some time the tendency has been for the dress to become shorter and shorter. Now the word has gone forth for longer

skirts for women in 1928. Such is the way in which history is made!

There is, however, a good deal more in a change of fashion in dress than meets the eye. This was recently brought out in an amusing manner by Sir EDWIN STOCKTON, M.P., the big Lancashire cotton

manufacturer, in an address to the Textile Institute at Bradford. He pointed out that the use of more or less material in articles of clothes reacts upon industry. Thus while the shortening of women's dress may please their admirers, it adds to the unemployment worries of producers. But men's fashions also affect trade. The practice of turning up trousers at the bottom created a new industry. The public wanted a fancy sock instead of a sock with no pattern. The modern man of taste desired that his socks on being exposed to view should harmonise with his trousers and the general scheme of his dress. The demand for the new style of sock accordingly kept that branch of the hosiery trade busy for years.

Sir EDWIN STOCKTON regretted the loss to manufacturers owing to short skirts; but here again there are compensations. Loose may be idle in Bradford, but, on the other hand, this fashion has created a considerable amount of employment in Nottingham and Leicester. There has been an immense demand for silk stockings, and the fashion seems likely to become permanent. To take another instance, haberdashery is at present under a cloud, because pins, books and eyes are being ousted by elastic and press studs. It is stated that few hairpins are sold in these days of shingling and bobbing, and even thumbtacks and needles are not retained in such quantities as formerly.

Generally speaking, in matters of dress people are less conventional than they were even twenty years ago. Mourning is not worn to the same extent as it was. Among men there are even modest eccentricities in dress clothes. It is said in London that developments in this direction may be expected, in which the use of artificial silk will play an important part. The straw hat of the "boater" type has disappeared, and the Panama has almost vanished in England. The top-hat is fighting hard for existence, and the soft hat has pushed out the bowler till it is now almost supreme. Men are very conservative in their ideas about dress; but every change produces effects on the textile industry.

Perhaps, the most remarkable development in the world of fashion in recent years is the rapidly increasing adoption of Western styles by the peoples of the East. Fabric manufacturers in England can afford to regard this with the utmost composure. It promises a new field for the sale of their goods that ought to compensate for any diminution in home consumption due to more abbreviated garments. With womenfolk from Stamboul to Peking adopting European dress from their headgear to their footgear, there is good reason why producers should be kept busy in England, and merchants elsewhere, provided they can deliver the right kind of goods at the right price.

The appointment of Dr. G. W. Pope as Medical Officer of Health is gazetted.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed by Hong Kong against shipping arrivals from Bangkok, on account of cholera.

The Smoking Concert of the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hong Kong, has been unavoidably postponed.

The annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Automobile Association will be held at the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Wednesday, February 22nd, at 5.30 p.m.

It is notified that, at the expiration of three months, unless cause is shown to the contrary, the Prosperity Trading Co., Ltd., will be struck off the register, and the Company dissolved.

The supply of water to all

wharves in Victoria will be cut off on Friday next and will remain cut off while the present restrictions on the Colony's water supply continue in force.

The forty-first ordinary annual meeting of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. will be held at the offices of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, February 20th at noon.

The Wanchai Fire Station received an alarm at 4 a.m. yesterday (Sunday), but when a fire appliance arrived at the spot indicated it was found that an ambulance was required, and not the fire fighters.

To celebrate the return of Mr. M. Manuk, the president of the Hong Kong Theosophical Society a tea party was held at Lane, Crawford Restaurant last evening. A very pleasing musical programme was rendered.

Entries for the Hong Kong Horticultural Society's annual flower and vegetable show close at 1 p.m. to-day (Monday). The show will be held at Volunteers' Headquarters on Thursday, February 23rd.

All departments of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. will be closed at 1 p.m. to-day (Monday). The Hong Kong Dispensary for the purpose of dispensing prescriptions will be opened from 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. on these days.

Among the passengers leaving Hong Kong on the s.s. *Kama Maru* on Saturday were H.E. Sir John Tilley, the British Ambassador to Japan, Lady Tilley and Miss Tilley. They are going to England on holiday.

The name of Mrs. A. L. J. Dovey has been added to the register of medical practitioners entitled to practice medicine in the Colony. Mrs. Dovey is a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery of the University of Edinburgh.

During the week-end a fire broke out at Sai Tau village, Old Kowloon City, but a prompt turn-out by the Kowloon Fire Brigade prevented what might have been a serious conflagration. It appears that the outbreak started in a kitchen where some rubbish was being burned.

There was a good attendance on Saturday night at a concert and dance given at Elliot Hall, Hong Kong University, by the Warden and residents of this Hall. Music was supplied for the dancing by the "Titania Melodians" and the room had been prettily decorated. The concert programme was contributed to by Mr. Mak Kai Hung and his friends (Chinese music); Mr. G. S. Scully (violin solo); and a Chinese sketch, entitled "The Henpecked Husband" closed the concert. The sketch was written and produced by Mr. Mak Kam Chun.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6.35 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone over China is stationary. Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh to moderate; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

THE ROUND-THE-WORLD TRAVELLERS.

BUSY SHOPPING AND SIGHTSEEING.

DELIGHTED WITH HONG KONG.

The 700 tourists aboard the *Empress of Australia* and the s.s. *Belgenland*, have greatly enjoyed their stay in the Colony. The silk centres and curio shops, etc. have done quite well and nearly all the travellers seem to have bought something as a souvenir of Hong Kong. The majority of the ladies seem to have been greatly intrigued by the silk stores, but vast quantities of jade have also been carried off triumphantly.

The *Empress of Australia* and the *Belgenland* both leave to-day, the former going North and the latter to Manila.

The usual trips around the Island, and New Territories have been made, but this year the trip to Canton, which was impossible last year owing to the unsettled conditions up there, was revived, and the deepest interest was shown in the Southern capital. The journey has been made both by boat and by train, the party going up by boat and returning by train.

The shops in the Central District have been a blaze of light every evening during the visit of these ships, and the attractive glare has greatly intrigued many a traveller with happy results to all concerned. The civility of our traders and their reasonable prices most favourably impressed everyone.

"Franconia's" Visit. The *Franconia* arrives in Hong Kong on the morning of March 1st and leaves on the afternoon of the next day. She left New York on January 7th and will come here from Bangkok.

Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son are the local agents.

KOWLOON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 20th.

The eighth annual general meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association will be held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon on Monday, February 20th, at 8 p.m. The business includes the adoption of report and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927; the election of officers and committee, and "any other business."

The Association earnestly requests that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will make an endeavour to be present at the meeting.

SALE OF THE "WAI HUNG."

TO TAKE PLACE TO-DAY.

At the China Auction Rooms to-day (Monday) Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa will sell, by order of the mortgagee, the steam launch *Wai Hung*, which is now lying in the harbour.

The dimensions and capacity of the said Steam Launch are as follows:—

Length 17 feet.
Breadth 13 feet 8 inches.
Depth 8 feet 8 inches.
Gross Tonnage 50.56 tons.
Net Tonnage 41.20 tons.
Licence No. 38.
G.M.S. Certificate No. 461.

HARBOUR ITEMS.

THE FLAGSHIP RETURNS.

H.M.S. *Hawking* flagship of the China Station arrived back after a visit to Singapore and Manila, etc., on Saturday.

Ships "Dressed."

All ships in harbour on Saturday "dressed" in honour of the anniversary of the foundation of the Japanese Empire. Flags were flown from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Tourist's Ducking. Stepping into a sampan which was waiting alongside the s.s. *Belgenland* one of the globe trotters had an unexpected bath. As he stepped into the sampan, the craft capsized and before he knew what was happening, the visitor was in the water. He was quickly rescued.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S TROOPS MUTINY AND LOOT "EAST OF PEKING."

HELP THEMSELVES TO GOODS VALUED AT \$1,000,000.

KUOMINCHUN GENERAL GOES OVER TO THE FENGTIEN ARMY.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF FENGTIEN GENERAL.

SOUTHERNERS TO HOLD CONFERENCE ON NORTHERN CAMPAIGN.

The Christian General (Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang) who had been steadily progressing northwards after many months of arduous fighting, has received a bad set-back owing to one of his Generals (stated to be a native of Fengtien) having gone over to the Fengtien Army. The troops under his command also proved disloyal and are reported to have looted in the vicinity "east of Peking." Their haul is reported by the native Press to total \$1,000,000 in value. Judging by the reports, which, however, are not yet authoritatively confirmed, the mutiny is of a very serious nature.

DISLOYAL TROOPS' RAID NEAR PEKING.

(Wah Kung Yat Pao).

After the revolt of the Fengtien army at Yangloching in Chihli, it is reported that the rebels raided the vicinity of the eastern side of Peking. The value of the property looted is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

The mutineers afterwards fled to Ho Hsing city, Honan. Fengtien soldiers have been despatched to besiege the city.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

The Revolt Spreading.

PEKING, Feb. 12th.

The Kuominchun revolt is assuming more serious proportions. Hitherto the defections were confined to the Second Kuominchun Army but it is now stated, semi-officially here that the First Army is likely to be involved as General Shih Yu Sun, a prominent First Kuominchun Army leader, who is a Fengtienese by birth, has declared himself for Fengtien.

Kunhsien Arsenal is reported in the hands of the rebels.

It is believed that many others are ready to turn over unless the revolt is immediately suppressed, as it is believed that only half of "Feng Yu Hsiang's" forces are absolutely loyal.

As Feng withdraws from South Chihli, the Kuominchun troops are advancing towards Hwangho.

"White" Russians.

It is reported from Tientsin that Chang Tsung Chang is dismissing all the remaining "White" Russians from his army. The men will be escorted to North Manchuria.

WUHU AGITATION.

ANTI-BRITISH ORGANISATION TO BE DISBANDED.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

WUHU, Feb. 10th. General Chen Tiao Yen, of the 37th Army, has directed the Chief of Police of Wuhu to disband the Diplomatic Reinforcements Society, which is an anti-British organisation.

WU NAY KUANG IN ICHANG.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

ICHANG, Feb. 11th. A new Commissioner for Foreign Affairs named Wu Nay Kuang has arrived.

COLD WEATHER IN HUNAN. SUSPENDS MILITARY OPERATIONS.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

HUNAN, Feb. 11th. It is reported that more trouble between the various military parties is expected in Hunan, but the full of snow and the cold weather has temporarily suspended operations.

DALBANK AT SHANGHAI AGAIN.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

SHANGHAI, Feb. 11th. After being petitioned, the Nationalist authorities have decided to allow the Russian Dalbank to resume business here.

CABLE AND WIRELESS CONFERENCE.

STRIKING ARTICLE IN LONDON JOURNAL.

BRITISH EMPIRE AND WORLD COMMUNICATIONS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 12th. A correspondent of the *Observer*, in a column article on the Wireless and Cable Conference, points out that the American Government, acting through their financial and commercial organisations and backed by the whole strength of their diplomatic representatives, have already acquired a dominating position and have carried out far-reaching schemes to direct cable and wireless communication with every country in Europe, Japan and the whole Far East. He emphasises the need of unified control of the British Empire's cable and wireless communications and suggests that the problem is solvable by placing in commercial hands the whole external telegraph and telephone services of the United Kingdom and by combination with the existing wireless and cable organisations as a public utility company.

For the protection of public interests there should be an Imperial Communications Board representing the Home Government, Dominions, India and the Crown Colonies empowered to regulate rates (which should be the lowest economically possible and consistent with a fair return on the capital employed) to determine strategic questions and of treating the Empire as one telegraphic unit; also to lay down a comprehensive plan linking up every part of the Empire by wireless and cable. Imperial Governments should actively support such a company extending British influence in the field of world communications.

NATIONALIST FOREIGN MINISTRY.

(Wah Kung Yat Pao).

The Nationalist Government has appointed General Wang Fu to be Minister of Foreign Affairs.

General Wang was formerly acting Minister of the Cabinet at Peking.

AN ASSASSINATION?

(Wah Kung Yat Pao).

It is reported that the Fengtien General Ki Jin Suen was assassinated at Hsi Chong in Chihli. The report, however, has not been officially confirmed.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops, commanded by General Feng Chen Wu are advancing to Je-chow (Shantung). General Feng Chen Wu will direct his troops to proceed to the North on the 13th inst.

MANCHURIAN AFFAIRS.

REPORTED LOAN AND LEASES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Feb. 10th. The Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Wu Ching, was interviewed by Reuters this morning. He declared that there is no truth in the report that a South Manchuria Railway loan was being negotiated by Marshal Chang Tso Lin. As regards the Chinese Eastern Railway land leases, Mr. Wu Ching recalled that lands in the vicinity of the Railway were originally leased to Russians from whom the Japanese obtained them.

The Chinese were now trying to take back the Railway and wished the transfer of leases to be completed within 20 to 30 years but the Japanese were not ready to agree. Although the protest is by four Powers, the Japan is the only party really concerned and the Note is due to their influence, said Mr. Wu Ching. The manner in which the note was drafted showed the real authority.

SALT REVENUES.

SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATIONS WITH NANKING.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

PEKING, Feb. 10th. The North China Standard learns from Shanghai that the negotiations between Mr. E. W. Mead and Mr. T. V. Soong have so far satisfactorily progressed that four districts inspectors will be restored. These offices in normal times yield \$18,000,000 annually.

The Nanking Government has re-organised foreign loan obligations secured on salt revenues. These results are due to the spirit and business attitude shown by Mr. Soong.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AS PROPHET.

DESTRUCTION OF TORY PARTY AT GENERAL ELECTION.

CHARACTERISTIC METAPHORS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 12th. The Conservatives in the next Parliament are likely to number 180 instead of 415 was the optimistic hope of Mr. Lloyd George, speaking at Manchester. This he based on the tendency of recent by-elections, especially Lancaster, as to which the ex-Prime Minister's opinion was couched in a characteristic metaphor: "Lancaster was not a single swallow but one of a dozen indicating that summer had come." "The Tory Party (he said) in treating the by-elections with contempt is like a Polar Bear perched on an iceberg which is melting as it nears the Gulf Stream."

HURRICANE IN BRITAIN.

MOST VIOLENT EVER RECORDED IN THE COUNTRY.

11 KILLED; MANY INJURED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, February 12th. Eleven persons were killed and many injured while widespread damage was done during the hurricane that was experienced throughout Great Britain.

It was the most violent ever recorded in the country.

EXPLOSION IN A COAL MINE.

10 KILLED; 4 INJURED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

Moscow, Feb. 12th. It is reported from Staling that at the Donetsk coal basin 10 persons have been killed and four seriously injured in an explosion in a box of dynamite at the Rootchenko mine, worked by the German Tissen Company.

URUGUAYAN SPECIAL MISSION.

RETURNING H.R.H.'S VISIT. RECEIVED AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Regent, Feb. 11th. A Uruguayan special mission, to return the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to that country, arrived at Victoria from Calais last evening.

The party was met by representatives of the King and the Foreign Office. The mission is being received by the King at Buckingham Palace to-day.

BRITAIN'S COSTLY UNEMPLOYED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Feb. 11th. In reply to Parliamentary questions it is stated that the amount of unemployment benefit paid in Great Britain on the financial year 1926-27 was about £20,500,000 or about 2s. per head of the total population.

YUGO-SLAV SUBMARINES.

BUILT IN ENGLAND.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Feb. 11th. Courtesy calls were paid at Portland Naval Establishments yesterday by officers of two Yugo-Slav submarines, which have arrived in the harbour from Devonport. The submarines, which were built at Newcastle, will remain at Portland for two weeks.

ENGLISH RACE COURSES.

THE TOTALISATOR BILL BEFORE THE COMMONS. (BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, Feb. 10th. The Bill to establish the totalisator on race courses was read a first time in the House of Commons.

GERMAN AVIATORS AT CALCUTTA.

"NON-STOP FROM RANGOON TO HONG KONG."

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CALCUTTA, February 12th. Kocuncke, to Reuter's representative, said that he was quite fit and that his aeroplane was undamaged after covering 700 miles in seven hours. He sighted Calcutta at 5 yesterday morning and circled the city for an hour, then proceeded to Barrackpore, via Dum Dum. He was unable to make out the smoke-signal at the latter place owing to smoke-clouds from other places in the city. It was getting dark, so he landed safely at Sankrail Field.

They were surrounded by a crowd, one of whom guided them to the Police Station, where they rang up the office of the German Consul-General. Receiving no response, they rang up a Calcutta newspaper, a member of whose staff immediately drove out to Sankrail and brought them to Calcutta in the early morning.

The airmen hope to resume the flight on Thursday. They go to Rangoon, then non-stop to Hong Kong and subsequently to Shanghai and Tokyo, where they expect to stay till April when they will attempt to reach Alaska.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT CAPE TOWN.

COLD STORAGE MACHINERY DESTROYED.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 12th. The buildings affected in a fire here comprise half the total of the cold storage capacity of Cape Town machinery. The most important part of the equipment is intact but only the skeleton of the walls and the iron framework remain of the buildings.

LOG OF THE R.A.F. FLIGHT.

MACHINES GIVE EVERY SATISFACTION.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Feb. 10th. The log of the four Air Force flying-boats now on their way to the Far East, for the section from Felixstowe to Karachi, has been published by the Air Ministry.

It showed that 4,834 nautical miles were covered, the average per aircraft being 72 hours, 40 minutes. The aircraft and engines were most satisfactory and the health of the personnel good.

The most difficult part of the flight was the 84 hours from Alexandria to Ramadi. Low clouds and down currents were encountered in the mountain passes behind Alexandria, and then heavy rain and dust storms.

LANDSLIDES IN NORWAY.

TWENTY-FIVE FATALITIES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

OSLO, Feb. 10th. There have been twenty-five fatalities during the past few days due to disastrous landslides and storms.

TRAGEDY OF THE LEMON.

"THINNING" JUICES WHICH DO NOT THIN.

The legend of the lemon is dead. A doctor has shattered it with one fell sentence, and a million or more women in England will be heart-broken in consequence. The habit of drinking lemon juice, undiluted or with water, has spread during the past four years throughout Great Britain. Lemon juice was believed to be thinning, and women in at least one out of every three homes in England have drunk it regularly, believing that the result would be a sylph-like figure.

They are now disillusioned. "The old idea that lemon juice had a thinning effect has been proved to be quite untrue," said a leading doctor, attached to the New Health Society. "A lemon taken in the early morning is an excellent habit. It may possibly be an antidote to rheumatism, but as a thinning substance—never."

PRES. COSGRAVE IN IRELAND.

AN UNPRECEDENTED WELCOME.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

DUBLIN, Feb. 12th. President Cosgrave on his return from the United States met with an unprecedented reception from an enormous crowd.

There was present a military guard of honour, an army band and a salute of 19 guns was fired.

All the members of the Cabinet and of several Municipalities boarded the mail boat to welcome the President.

A procession of police, military, fire brigade and bands escorted President Cosgrave to the centre of Dublin, which was gaily decorated. There was a fireworks display, illuminated aeroplanes and searchlights were features of a remarkable home coming.

WINTER IN VIENNA.

REVIVING PAST GLORIES.

VIENNA, January 29th.

More important in the eyes of most Viennese than any political event of the week is the news that the famous "Opera Redoute," or opera ball, is to be revived after a long interval on January 14th.

The "Opera Redoute" was always the zenith of the Vienna *Fasching*, or carnival, so far as the general public was concerned. For the Hapsburg aristocracy, there were, of course, the exclusive balls at the Hofburg, but these were usually by a matter of duty; pleasure was sought in the "Redoute" at the Opera House. Under the Republic, there is no longer anything exclusive about the Hofburg; a notice in the hall of this one-time Imperial Palace informs you that its ceremonial rooms may be hired by private persons for balls during the season; Thomas, Richard, or Heinrich, provided that they are well supplied with funds, may entertain their guests now amidst the pompous baroque of Joseph I. and Karl VI. and the wayward rocaille of Maria Theresa. The Opera Ball has thus become the most important of all.

The stage, both that part of it usually visible to the public, and the still greater portion hidden behind the scenery, together with the floor of the finest opera house in Europe, are turned into one vast ballroom. From the hotbooths of Schönbrunn Palace, the Versailles of Vienna, come wonderful palms; growing hedges are transplanted, their roots in boxes, and fountains play in the angles of the auditorium. True, at this year's revival the wonderful uniforms of old will be missing, for the Austrian Republican Army has not yet advanced beyond the simple grey of war-time, but the dazzling feminine creations of old will be outdone by those of modern Vienna.

At a recent reception by the President of the Republic, a German guest remarked to me that while inwardly Austria was far more truly Republican than Germany, outwardly she was as Imperial as ever under Francis Joseph. It was true that at this reception the men were ablaze with decorations of the olden time. No one who possessed the once-coveted Order of Francis Joseph, for example, failed to wear it in the house of the President of the Republic. One Order only was conspicuous by its absence; that almost mystic insignia of the highest Catholic aristocracy surrounding the Hapsburgs, the Order of the Golden Fleece. Held only by the heads of the very greatest Austro-Hungarian families, this Order will never seen in public now that the Monarchy has passed away.

THE GRAND TOQUI.

INDIANS' ANCIENT CEREMONIES.

VALPARAISO, Jan. 10th.

A congress of Araucanian Indians, attended by 15,000 aborigines, which has been in progress for the past week in Southern Chile, closed yesterday.

Picturesque pageants, feasts, and ceremonies took place, such as the election of the Grand Toqui (prince and military chief) amid the wild forests, and other proceedings reminiscent of the days when the Araucanians, a brave and warlike race, obtained acknowledgment of their independence after resisting for two centuries the Spanish invasion which began in 1535. When the encampment broke up—for the Indians had set up numbers of skin tents in which they lived in primitive fashion—a party was swept away while fording a river on horseback, and 80 men, women, and children were drowned.

A CONTROVERSIAL WAR FILM.

THE EDITH CAVELL STORY RECONSTRUCTED.

FOREIGN SECRETARY'S CRITICISM.

GERMAN EMBASSY'S INQUIRIES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, February 10th. Much discussion has been aroused by the film entitled, "Dawn," produced by the Dominions Film Company, which constructs the story of Edith Cavell, the English nurse, who in 1915 was court-martialled, and shot, during the German occupation of Brussels, for helping prisoners of war to escape.

The film has not yet been exhibited, nor has it yet passed the Board of Film Censors.

This board, of which Mr. T. P. O'Connor is the president, has no official status, but is the organisation voluntarily established by the members of the film trade. Although the makers of the film contend that its underlying theme is against war and its horrors, and that there is nothing in the incidents portrayed that should give offence it is held in many quarters that its exhibition at the present might revive bitter memories of the War, and retard the healing process of time.

German Embassy's Action.

The German Embassy in London have made inquiries on the subject and it has been explained that apart from the suppression by the Home Office of the score of immorality, the Government has no power of censorship over films.

Although no official representations have been made to the Board of Censors, it is, however, understood that Sir Austen Chamberlain felt so strongly about the character of the film, as described in the Press, that he personally phoned to Mr. T. P. O'Connor on the subject and drew his attention to its nature.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's Views.

The Foreign Secretary's views are expressed in a letter sent to Mr. Wilcox, the producer of "Dawn" in reply to an invitation to a private view of the film. After stating that he feels obliged to decline the invitation, Sir Austen Chamberlain says that the story of Nurse Cavell is a very noble one and her memory will be held in reverence not only by her countrymen, but by all to whom every country they belong, whether friend or former enemy, who admire selfless devotion to duty and serene fortitude in the hour of her trial.

It may be possible to present such a story pictorially without the loss of its beauty, and without the danger of controversy, when the lapse of years had made its history, but for himself, Sir Austen feels that it is more beautiful in his memory than any picture could make it.

If the accounts in the newspapers are correct, he would be even less willing to attend the performance. He knows of no authority to justify certain incidents as presented in the film and their representation can only produce controversy over the grave of a woman who has become one of the world's heroines.

Nurse Cavell had no thought of fame or self, but can one doubt what her feeling would have been if she had thought such a use was to be made of her sacrifice? There are war films which, whilst recalling heroic deeds, and the endurance of our own people, call forth no bitter feelings elsewhere but serve only to unite all men in admiration of heroism and fortitude. But this film appears to be of an entirely different character, and he must frankly say he feels the strongest repugnance to its production.

BRIGHTER EDUCATION.

MONKEYS AND BISHOPS.

RIGHT USE OF WORD LIAR.

During a discussion of "Nomenclature" at the meeting of the Association of Assistant Mistresses in London a member told a story of two boys who were heard making friends after a quarrel.

One boy said: "Of course, old man, when I called you a liar and a coward I did not mean it as an insult, only as a statement of fact."

The second boy replied: "Well, if that was all, it doesn't matter." "Among the things that have lengthened my life are the remarks made by schoolboys when they are off their guard. They show that their grasp of the subjects piled upon them by assiduous professors is a very feeble and confused one," said Dr. Edward Lytton, speaking on "The growth of the human mind," before the London Head Teachers' Association. He emphasised the remark of a small boy who heard something of a recent controversy of evolution, and, on being asked to the monkey-house at the Zoo, asked: "Daddy, are all the poor monkeys going to become bishops?"

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB'S
ANNUAL DINNER.

AN ENJOYABLE GATHERING.

APPEALS FOR YOUNG PLAYERS TO COME FORWARD.
SOCCER BETTER FOR THEM THAN TENNIS OR GOLF.

The annual dinner of the Hong Kong Football Club, held on Saturday night at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant proved a very happy affair from the first cocktail to the last glass of beer. The food was good, plenty of England's national beverage was there to be consumed, and the speeches were far above the average on such occasions, one of their merits being brevity. The company numbered just on 100.

Mr. A. T. Hamilton (Chairman of the Club's Committee) presided and he was supported by Mr. W. Logan, the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, Lieut. Commander H. R. D. Byron, R.N., Mr. R. Hall, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa (Club de Recreio), Mr. H. K. Lee (Chinese Athletic Association), members of the teams, and captains and presidents of the various clubs in the Colony. There were also present Mr. C. W. E. Bishop (Captain of the Club's soccer eleven), Mr. A. McBryde (Vice-Captain), Mr. C. Wales (Captain of the Rugby fifteen), Mr. T. L. Foster (Vice-Captain), Mr. S. J. Jordan, Mr. J. Ralston and Mr. C. B. Robertson (members of the Committee), Mr. D. J. Purves (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. H. M. McTavish (Hon. Secretary).

Tributes were paid to the teams, both soccer and rugby, during the evening, and an appeal was made by the captain of the soccer team for more support of the game, and the introduction of younger blood into the teams. It is interesting to note, in connection with the rugby team which visited Shanghai recently, and beat the Shanghai team, that at one period of the game the side was playing three men short.

After the Chairman had submitted the loyal toast, Mr. R. Hall proposed the toast of "The Club."

Football, as it was played in Hong Kong to-day, he said, was the most popular game in the Colony. Both players and spectators in Hong Kong owed the Hong Kong Football Club a great debt of gratitude for what it had done to foster the game in the Colony. He wished the Hong Kong Football Club all prosperity in the future.

THE CHAIRMAN'S REPLY.

Replying to the toast, the Chairman said: I must apologise to you for the absence of our worthy President, Mr. F. C. Hall, who is unable to be with us to-night. Also I regret very much to announce that our Vice-President Mr. G. M. Shaw is in hospital and I am sure we all wish him a very speedy recovery. It is a great pleasure to me to preside over such a large and representative gathering and I am particularly pleased at seeing so many visitors with us to whom I give a most cordial welcome. It is very gratifying to have with us the President of the Kowloon Football Club and I must thank him for the very flattering manner in which he proposed the toast of the club. He has been most generous in his remarks. I see from the programme before me that this is the Annual Dinner of the H.K.F.C. I don't know why we call it the annual dinner as the last occasion on which a dinner was held was 1924. There was a time when it really was an annual affair and I should like very much to make it so again. The club is now in the 40th year of its existence and must be about one of the oldest sporting bodies in the Colony.

Young Players Wanted.
The constitution of the Club during that long period has remained unchanged. We run two sections—a rugby and soccer, and it has always been our aim to foster both codes. Each section has at different times produced players of whom we are justly proud, and to-day we have on our list of members several names of men who are still in the Colony and who in the prime of their youth were "hot stuff" on the football field. To these men I look for support as by their presence at our matches they give great encouragement to our younger players.

Speaking of the Soccer section I must admit that we have struck a very lean time. Our position is not what it ought to be. Our last success in the shield competition was in 1922 and in 1920 we won the League. I look to the younger players to alter this state of affairs. We cannot always depend on our Rodgers, Bishops and Stewarts to see the team through and I would like to see more younger men come forward and take the game more seriously. I am quite sure we have the men in the Colony to make this Club a force to be reckoned with in the soccer world.

Rugger Ups And Downs.
Our Rugger section has also had its "ups and downs." They seem to be dormant for some time and nothing is heard of them till they waken up with a burst of enthusiasm and startle everybody by achieving something extraordinary. About the middle of December an invitation was received from Shanghai to send up a Rugby team. Our committee decided to accept the invitation and asked Mr. Wales whether he could get a team together. With his usual modesty he said he would try.

Within a month he had a team all fit and ready for the fray and how well they acquitted themselves in Shanghai we all know. I take this opportunity of congratulating them on their splendid performance, and I assure you those men who went to Shanghai in the interests of rugby deserve the very highest praise. A few exhibitions of such a nature in Hong Kong would do good and I only hope that Mr. Wales and his merry men will not rest on their laurels but will see that the Colony has an opportunity of witnessing some rugby matches before the season is out.

CAPTAIN'S BADGES PRESENTED.
The Chairman announced, during the evening, that for very many years it had been the custom of the Hong Kong Football Club to present badges to the soccer and rugby captains. For some time the custom had been in abeyance, but as it was a rather good custom it had been decided to revive it. They were going back to the years 1924-25, and bringing it up to the present year, in order to keep its continuity.

The Chairman then announced that badges for the years in question were awarded to the captains of the teams of those seasons, as under:—

1924-25: Soccer: Mr. W. Gerard; Rugby: Mr. H. R. Forsyth.
1925-26: Soccer: Mr. G. Rodger; Rugby: Mr. G. P. Lammer.
1926-27: Soccer: Mr. H. G. Howard; Rugby: "dormant."
1927-28: Soccer: Mr. C. W. E. Bishop; Rugby: Mr. C. Wales.

The Chairman, after presenting badges to Mr. Bishop and Mr. Wales, the other gentlemen mentioned being absent, said he was sure those present would all agree that this was a custom the Club must keep up.

The Visitors.
In the absence of Mr. J. McCubbin, Mr. W. Logan submitted the toast of "The Visitors."
In doing so he mentioned that there were visitors from Shanghai, representatives of the Army and the Navy, the Portuguese and the Chinese sections.

Replying, Lieut. Comdr. F. H. D. Byron, of H.M.S. Tamar, said, while he appreciated the honour of being asked to respond to this toast, he had fallen upon someone more capable of responding. Like the Service he represented, silence was one of his aptitudes. However, since this honour had fallen on him he hoped they would not penalise him and take a free kick. He congratulated the Football Club on the organisation of a good programme. The speaker acknowledged the courtesy shown to the Navy teams in their matches against various clubs in the Colony. With so many units of His Majesty's Forces present in the Colony there had been very keen competition, and this was all to the good of the game.

"For A Roman Holiday."
Submitting the toast of "The Teams," the Rev. F. P. W. Alexander (Chaplain of the King's Own Scottish Borderers) said he thought as a general rule that the team did not get the credit which was theirs by right. Week after week, he went on, the various teams come gladly forward to be butchered for a tremendous amount of sport and fun. It was an easy matter to sit in the stands, as he had done that day, and play the game. He thought spectators should realise that every man on the field was trying very hard to do his best. It should be remembered that it was not so easy to play rugby and soccer here in Hong Kong as it was at home.

Continuing, the speaker said that he would suggest that there should be a little more backing up by voice, and a little less backtracking from the voice. A little more backing up and encouragement would do more for soccer and rugby in the Colony than anything. Everyone must realise that a team could not go on winning from season to season, and that every team had to go through the mill. They would all be glad, he concluded, to see the Hong Kong Football Club regain its former glory on the football field. (Applause.)

The speaker also referred to the rugby match at Shanghai, which he witnessed, and described it as a great game.

He finally submitted the toast of "The Teams," coupling with the toast the names of Mr. C. W. E. Bishop (the Soccer captain) and Mr. C. Wales (the Rugby captain). The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

The Replies.
Replying on behalf of the rugby section of the Club, Mr. Wales thanked those who had assisted in keeping rugby going in the Colony. In connection with the visit to Shanghai, Mr. Wales mentioned the Hong Kong Football Club, Mr. H. M. McTavish (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. S. J. Jordan, thanking them for their support of the team during the visit to the North.

Replying on behalf of the soccer section, Mr. Bishop said that whether the soccer team had won or lost matches, he hoped it had done all that had been expected of it.

He went on to refer to the fact that some members of the teams were getting a trifle beyond the game, and appealed for an introduction of new and young blood into the Club.

The first eleven had turned out regularly, and he thanked the members of this eleven very much for their support and help. They had lost most of their matches, but they had managed to collect a point here and there. As a team, however, they had played the game all along. As regarded the second eleven, he thought the less said about them the better.

Concluding, Mr. Bishop said that there was a tendency to-day to play the less robust games of tennis and golf, and forego football. He appealed for more support of the game of soccer, and referring to the fair sex, boldly added that no member of that sex, however delightful, would keep him from the football field. He asked members to bring along to the Club any new arrivals in the Colony who were likely to prove good football players. This would relieve some of the "old staggers."

Other Speeches:
Mr. W. E. Holland's spoke on behalf of the Hong Kong Football Association, and Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa (President of the Club de Recreio) on behalf of the Portuguese footballers.

Mr. H. K. Lee, of the Chinese Athletic Association, also spoke in complimentary terms of the hospitality extended to the visitors, fully endorsing the remarks of Mr. Holland and Mr. de Sousa. He referred to the enthusiasm of the Chinese as a whole for soccer, and said that this enthusiasm had grown out of a matter of forty years' work. He thanked the Hong Kong Football Club for the help it had always shown the Chinese in the matter of football.

Musical Programme.
The speeches were interspersed with a very pleasing musical programme, contributed to by the following:—Mr. R. John, Mr. R. M. Keown, Mr. W. Johnson, Mr. Stone, Mr. Ian Stewart, Mr. Wohlgenuth and the "Four B's Quartette" (Messrs. R. and B. W. Bakwin, H. J. Bust and C. W. E. Bishop). The accompanists were Mr. G. Grimble and Mr. A. E. Mibue.

HOCKEY.
H.K. HOCKEY CLUB II. 2. 3/15m
PUNJABIS II.

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI. to-morrow (Tuesday), on the Marina Ground at 4.15 p.m.: F. S. Nicholson, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson, Rev. N. Evans, L. A. R. Duncan, W. R. Greenhalgh, G. B. Slipper, A. C. Howell, Rev. J. E. Murray, W. A. Nowers, T. F. Saunderson.

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FULL PROGRAMME OF LEAGUE GAMES.
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Blackburn 1, Newcastle 0.
Bolton 3, Birmingham 2.
Cardiff 4, Huddersfield 0.
Derby 3, Burnley 4.
Everton 2, Tottenham 3.
Manchester U. 5, Leicester 2.
Preston 1, Liverpool 0.
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Division II.
Blackpool 3, Stoke 1.
Chelsea 3, Bristol C. 2.
Clapton O. 0, West Brom. 0.
Grimshy 1, Notts. County 0.
Leeds 2, Preston 4.
Notts. Forest 1, Hull 1.
Oldham 3, Manchester C. 2.
Port Vale 4, Fulham 1.
Reading 0, Southampton 0.
She. Shields 3, Swansea 1.
Wolves 2, Barnsley 1.

Division III (Southern).
Brentford 2, Crystal Palace 1.
Bournemouth 2, Exeter 0.
Brighton 3, Torquay 0.
Bristol R. 0, Queens P.R. 4.
Charlton 0, Watford 2.
Luton 1, Millwall 1.
Merthyr 0, Newport 2.
Northants 1, Gillingham 0.
Plymouth 3, Swindon 0.
Southend 1, Norwich 1.
Walsall 7, Coventry 0.

Division III (Northern).
Aston Villa 1, Wigan 3.
Burton 2, Chesterfield 0.
Bradford C. 3, Lincoln 1.
Crewe 2, Accrington 0.
Darlington 3, Doncaster 0.
Halifax 4, Hartlepool 1.
Hull City 2, Wrexham 0.
Leeds 2, Bradford 1.
Rotherham 1, Southport 1.
She. Shields 3, Swansea 1.
Wolves 2, Barnsley 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
Division I.
Clyde 0, Celtic 1.
Dundee 3, Airdrieonians 0.
Dunfermline 1, Bo'ness 2.
Falkirk 5, Aberdeen 1.
Hamilton 0, Partick 2.
Hibernians 1, St. Mirren 1.
Kilmarnock 1, St. Johnstone 1.
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Rangers 0, Hearts 2.
Rangers 0, Motherwell 2.

COALS AND WINS.
Division I.
Home Teams, 25; Away Teams, 18; Total, 43. Home Wins, 7; Away Wins, 3; Drawn Matches, 1.

Division II.
Home Teams, 25; Away Teams, 18; Total, 43. Home Wins, 7; Away Wins, 1; Drawn Matches, 3.

Division III (Southern).
Home Teams, 20; Away Teams, 11; Total, 31. Home Wins, 6; Away Wins, 3; Drawn Matches, 2.

Division III (Northern).
Home Teams, 22; Away Teams, 11; Total, 33. Home Wins, 8; Away Wins, 1; Drawn Matches, 2.

Grand Totals.
Home Teams, 101; Away Teams, 52; Grand Total, 153. Home Wins, 28; Away Wins, 8; Drawn Matches, 8.

LEAGUE TABLES.
The English League Tables and Scottish League Table (Division I.), up to and including matches completed on Saturday, are appended:

Division I.
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Everton 28 10 7 7 38 48 35
Huddersfield 27 15 4 8 67 47 34
Leicester 29 13 7 9 68 61 33
Bolton 27 13 5 9 57 42 31
Cardiff 27 11 8 8 48 30
Burnley 20 14 2 13 60 67 30
Newcastle 28 11 7 10 57 44 29
Tottenham 28 12 5 11 59 49 29

Division II.
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Chelsea 27 17 6 4 66 27 40
Manchester City 27 17 4 6 69 42 38
Preston 29 16 8 6 64 41 38
Leeds U. 28 16 4 8 71 39 30
Oldham 27 14 6 7 55 34 34
Stoke 27 14 5 8 51 40 30
Notts. Forest 28 12 8 8 62 48 30
West Brom. 28 11 8 9 63 52 30
Hull City 28 9 10 7 33 35 28
Grimshy 27 10 8 9 45 58 28
Port Vale 27 10 2 12 20 40 28
Bristol C. 28 11 6 11 58 52 28
Swansea 27 11 5 11 54 52 27
Notts C. 27 6 12 14 40 50 23
Clapton 27 9 13 41 60 23
Barnsley 28 8 13 43 61 23
Blackpool 29 6 13 56 73 23
Reading 27 7 13 38 56 21
Southport 28 7 14 44 54 21
Fulham 27 7 15 51 67 19
Wolves 27 7 15 42 68 19
She. Shields 27 3 15 40 83 11

Division III (South).
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Millwall 27 18 4 5 62 38 40
Northants 25 16 4 5 67 40 38
Plymouth 27 15 4 8 61 38 34
Exeter 25 11 6 8 42 31
Brighton 27 13 5 9 47 40 31
Q.P.R. 28 12 5 9 44 32 30
Swindon 28 12 5 11 37 41 29
Newport 28 11 7 8 48 43 29
Charlton 28 10 6 12 38 41 28
Bournemouth 28 10 6 12 40 50 28
Southend 24 11 3 10 44 43 25
Brentford 28 11 3 14 52 27 25
Crystal Palace 28 8 9 44 50 24
Walsall 28 7 10 43 62 21
Gillingham 24 7 10 38 46 21
Norwich 28 7 12 51 53 21
Bristol R. 27 9 15 49 66 21
Coventry 28 8 14 45 66 20
Merthyr 27 6 13 38 58 20
Watford 28 7 13 44 54 19
Torquay 28 5 14 32 67 18
Luton 28 5 14 58 59 17

Division III (North).
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Bradford 28 10 7 7 38 48 35
Doncaster 27 17 4 6 69 42 38
Stockport 27 15 4 8 61 38 34
Tranmere 25 13 6 6 61 37 33
Lincoln 28 14 4 10 66 55 33
Darlington 28 13 4 9 56 37 30
Halifax 27 11 8 8 54 52 30
Accrington 27 11 8 8 52 43 30
Wrexham 28 13 3 10 44 39 29
Bradford C. 27 10 8 47 43 28
Rochdale 28 13 1 11 62 52 27
Hartlepool 28 11 5 12 48 57 27
Southport 28 11 3 11 44 25 21
Chesterfield 28 8 12 44 33 24
Rotherham 28 8 11 44 45 23
N.Brighton 24 8 10 42 40 22
Crewe 27 7 13 61 62 21
Durham 28 8 15 38 63 21
Aston Villa 27 7 14 47 74 21
Nelson 28 6 15 51 77 10
Barrow 28 5 17 33 78 16
Wigan 28 5 18 34 73 15

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
(DIVISION I.)
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.
Rangers 28 10 4 3 80 27 42
Motherwell 27 17 6 4 69 32 40
Celtic 28 10 7 3 67 27 39
Hearts 28 17 4 7 78 38 38
St. Mirren 27 14 4 9 64 56 32
Kilmarnock 28 12 6 8 62 56 32
Partick 28 13 5 10 67 49 31
Aberdeen 28 14 2 12 64 54 31
Falkirk 28 14 2 12 60 62 30

CENTRAL BRITISH
SCHOOL SPORTS.SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC
MEETING HELD.

THE COMPLETE RESULTS.

The annual sports meeting of the Central British School, Kowloon, which was held at King's Park on Saturday afternoon, proved very successful. There was a very good attendance, which included, of course, many parents of the pupils.

Among those present were Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), who, at the conclusion of the events, presented the sports prizes, and Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools.

For the sports the pupils had been divided into two houses, Red House and Blue House. Blue House won the Inter-House Championship trophy, but the result was in doubt up to the very last, and the winners only secured the prize by 108 points to 93 points obtained by the other House.

The individual championship for the boys was won by L. Marshall who obtained 18 points, and Miss D. Hamblin won the girls' championship, with 19 points.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, the Headmaster of the Central British School, returned thanks to Lieut. Col. Robertson, and Messrs. Davidson, Field, Jamner and other friends who had performed the duties of judges, stewards, etc., and Miss Bascombe for arranging the refreshments.

The Headmaster also expressed his personal satisfaction at the success which had attended the sports meeting, and mentioned that over 150 boys and girls had taken part.

Thanks to other helpers were expressed as under:—
The Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company, for preparing the ground, the Hong Kong Electric Company for presenting the Victor Ludorum cup and loan of materials, the Club de Recreio for loan of chairs, and Mr. Field for the gift of a silver cup.

THE RESULTS.

The results were as under; letters in brackets denote the House to which the competitors belonged. Events without letters did not count towards the Inter-House Championship trophy.

High Jump.
Senior—1, D. Hynes (B); 2, E. Wicheil (R); 3, J. Stirling (B); Height, 4 ft. 9 ins.
Junior—1, B. Bickford (R); 2, R. Wood (R); 3, A. McCubbin (B). Height, 3 ft. 11 ins.

Long Jump.
Senior—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, J. Stirling (B); 3, J. Smith (R). Distance, 18 ft.
Junior—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, B. Bickford (R); 3, G. Eldridge (B). Distance, 13 ft.

100 Yards School Championship.
Senior (Boys)—1, D. Hynes (B); 2, J. McCubbin (R); 3, L. Marshall (R).
Junior (Boys)—1, V. Grunberg (R); 2, A. McCubbin (B); 3, G. Eldridge (B).
Senior (Girls)—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, M. Bryson (R); 3, Lovkovich (B).
Junior (Girls)—1, J. Bates (B); 2, G. Reed (R); 3, P. Rundell (B).

Class 5: 100 Yards Handicap.
Boys—1, J. Updell (R); 2, A. Moss (B); 3, R. Holden (B).
Girls—1, B. Riddwood (B); 2, D. Raven (B); 3, B. Bone (B).

100 Yards Handicap.
Senior (Boys)—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, D. Hynes (B); 3, E. MacNider (R).
Junior (Boys)—1, V. Grunberg (R); 2, A. Hargraves (B); 3, A. McCubbin (B).
Senior (Girls)—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, V. Lovkovich (B); 3, A. Hosford (B).
Junior (Girls)—1, J. Bates (B); 2, D. Becker (R); 3, L. Woolley (R).

Back Race.
Senior (Boys)—1, J. Smith; 2, R. Woolley; 3, T. Ingram.
Junior (Boys)—1, A. McCubbin; 2, L. Phillips; 3, B. Phillips.
Senior (Girls)—1, N. Field; 2, V. Lovkovich; 3, K. Chester.
Junior (Girls)—1, G. Reed; 2, D. Tolkan; 3, D. Booker.

100 Yards Skipping Championship.
Senior (Girls)—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, M. Bryson (R); 3, N. Field (R).
Junior (Girls)—1, J. Bates (B); 2, E. Braze (B); 3, G. Reed (R).

200 Yards (Open).
Senior (Boys)—1, L. Marshall (R); 2, J. McCubbin (R); 3, D. Hynes (B).
Junior (Boys)—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, V. Grunberg (R); 3, S. Fowler (B).
Senior (Girls)—1, D. Hamblin (B); 2, M. Bryson (R); 3, M. Grosset (B).
Junior (Girls)—1, J. Bates (B); 2, E. Braze (B); 3, G. Reed (R).

Relay Race (Boys).
Senior—1, Red House; 2, Blue House.
Junior—1, Blue House; 2, Red House.

Relay Race (Girls).
Senior—1, Red House; 2, Blue House.
Junior—1, Red House; 2, Blue House.

LAWN TENNIS.

FRENCH TOURING TEAM IN
AUSTRALIA.

(Sydney Morning Herald Agency.)

MELBOURNE, Feb. 10th.
The French lawn tennis team consisting of Jean Borotra, Boussus and Brugnon beat Australia (represented by Patterson, O'Hara Wood, H. Hopman and J. Crawford) by six matches to three.

H.K. CHINESE RECREATION
CLUB.PROFITS FROM EXHIBITION
MATCHES.DISTRIBUTION OF THE
MONEY.

A nett profit of \$541.93 was realised from the exhibition tennis matches held at the Hong Kong Chinese Recreation Club in November last. The Committee of the Club have decided to distribute this amount to various local charities, as follows:—

Hong Kong Women's Club & M.C.L. \$100.00
Home for the Blind, Kowloon City 101.93
Little Sisters of the Poor, Ngau Shi Wan 60.00
Alice Memorial Hospital 50.00
Home for the Aged, Kowloon 100.00
Tia Kwok School & Orphanage, Kowloon City 50.00
Chinese Mission to Lepers, Hong Kong Auxiliary 50.00
Police Street Boys' Club 50.00
\$541.93

The Committee desire to express their thanks to the public for their kind support; to the players who so willingly gave their services in order to make the exhibition a success; to the "Star" Ferry Co. the Advertising & Publicity Bureau and the "Roxon's" for displaying posters advertising the matches, free of charge; and to the Cafe Regent and Sincere Co., Ltd., for their willing services in attending to the booking and selling of the tickets.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

An American Tennis Tournament will be held at the Ladies' Recreation Club, May Road, on Saturday, March 3rd. Competitors are to enter in pairs for this event, which is a mixed "doubles" competition. Play will begin at 2.30 p.m.

Players must provide their own balls. The entrance fee is \$1 per player, entries closing on Wednesday, February 29th, to the Hon. Secretary or No. 1 "Boy" at the Club.

Egg and Spoon Race.
Senior (Girls)—1, L. Lovkovich; 2, B. Woods; 3, M. Gardiner.
Junior (Girls)—1, G. Reed; 2, D. Tolkan; 3, E. Braze.
Mixed Wheelbarrow Race—1, N. Field and R. Woolley; 2, M. Grosset and A. McCubbin; 3, E. Braze and B. Phillips.

440 Yards Handicap.
Senior (Boys)—1, A. Ursell (B); 2, L. Marshall (R); 3, D. Hynes (B).
Junior (Boys)—1, A. McCubbin (B); 2, V. Grunberg (R); 3, B. Phillips (B).

Relay Race (Girls).
Senior—1, Red House; 2, Blue House.
Junior—1, Blue House; 2, Red House.

Throwing the Cricket-Ball.
Senior (Boys)—1, Marshall (R); 2, J.

TO-DAY'S RACES.

SOME EXCELLENT SPORT PROMISED.

OUR SELECTIONS.

(By RAPIER.)

The annual race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club opens to-day at 12 noon and the sport provided will be of a high standard. The Club is becoming more cosmopolitan in its character and the Stewards are to be congratulated upon their enterprise in various directions more especially in holding sellings sweeps under the auspices of the Club in a place where all members can attend. Volunteer Headquarters is, of course, not the most comfortable place, but unfortunately it is the only one available as the Hong Kong Hotel and other licensed premises cannot be legally used for the purpose of selling sweeps.

The Clerk of the Course, Mr. G. C. Mackie, has done a lot of work in a quiet way, and he has been present at the course early every morning since his arrival here. It is a pity he is not riding in the races as he is fit enough to hold his own with most riders and it would do no harm to revive a truly sporting spirit amongst tairans.

Mr. H. P. White continues to control the destinies of the Club and upon him rests all the responsibility and to him belongs all the honour and the glory arising out of its successful running. He is blessed with a sense of humour that covers a multitude of (you're mistaken, dear reader)—people with confusion.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson will not, unfortunately, be fit enough to take over the position of starter as he is still in hospital, but I am pleased to say he is progressing favourably. His duties will devolve upon Mr. W. D. Fiddes Wilson and the latter will be assisted by Major Hogg. It is the very dickens of a job, but Walter is a young man with a mind of his own and considerable experience of riding and the ways of jockeys who have a tendency to follow the Macbethian precept "Stand not upon the order of your going but go at once." Confronted with a crowd of hostile jockeys and a stand full of into owners in your face, no lad, but I have every confidence in your meeting it calmly and well.

The result of the first day's racing should strengthen one's Derby selections and I do not, therefore, propose dealing with this race until to-morrow.

There are 11 races to-day, the most important being the "Valley Stakes." O'Moon is the best pony in the race and will be ridden by Mr. Wong. Apart from this pony the winning subs should be in the hands of Shanghai jockeys as they have tried most of them and chosen those they think are the best mounts.

The first race will be the most uncertain in the day's programme and anything may win. My selections are as follows:—

Wong Nei Chong Stakes.

1. Meawhile.
2. The Hough.
3. Northern Stag.

Maiden Stakes.

1. Winsome Stag.
2. Young Pretender.
3. Peck.

Victoria Stakes.

1. Chesapeake Bay.
2. San Francisco Bay.
3. Bengal.

Valley Stakes.

1. O'Moon.
2. Prastwile.
3. Movannagher.

Trial Plate.

1. Hair Apparent.
2. Boxing Eve.
3. Monterey Bay.

Governor's Cup.

1. King of Hearts.
2. Elliot Bay.
3. San Diego.

Garrison Cup.

1. Festive Eve.
2. Bing Boy.
3. Dobbin.

Chater Cup.

1. Brigade Call.
2. Ukelele.
3. Grey Knight.

Racing Stakes.

1. November.
2. Pickle.
3. New Year's Eve.

Jockey Club Stakes.

1. Sitting Bull.
2. Mr. Dynasty's selected.
3. August.

Kalgan Plate.

1. Dumfries.
2. Ploughman.
3. Spinner.

THE DERBY PRICES.

Mr. Frank Haytor's latest prices for the Hong Kong Derby are as follows:—

- Peck, 5-1.
Pickle, 5-1.
Harlene, 50-1.
Movannagher, 100-1.
U N II, 100-1.
Blackstone Hall, 25-1.
Guild Hall, 50-1.
Manor Hall, 50-1.
Duke of Verona, 100-2.
Young Pretender, 100-2.
Hair Apparent, 5-2.
Sitting Bull, 11-2.
Bakers Bay, 33-1.
Coos Bay, 50-1.
Despater Bay, 50-1.
Monterey Bay, 18-1.
Comrade, 50-1.
New Year's Eve, 100-12.
Boxing Eve, 100-16.
Mish Mish, 100-1.
November, 11-2.
Handsome Stag, 66-1.
Winsome Stag, 5-1.

CRAIGENGOWER SWEEP.

DERBY DRAW RESULTS.

The result of the Craiengower C.C. drawing on the Hong Kong Derby was as under:—

Pony	Ticket No.	Drawer
1. Handsome Stag	532	Leung Chi Ting.
2. Winsome Stag	247	Uncle Aleck.
3. Bakers Bay	682	Blundson.
4. Coos Bay	767	H. Stainfield.
5. Deepwater Bay	630	Mr. Brooks.
6. Monterey Bay	282	Reggie.
7. Sitting Bull	563	J. Hickie.
8. Young Pretender	592	G. Stephens.
9. Hair Apparent	908	Fungus.
10. New Year's Eve	423	James Smith.
11. Boxing Eve	572	Kwong Sai Wing.
12. Blackstone Hall	570	Dan and Aleck.
13. Guild Hall	645	D. A. Rozario.
14. Manor Hall	581	J. Hutchinson.
15. Peck	940	F. C. Duxon.
16. Pickle	951	J. H. Simmons.
17. Comrade	152	L. F. Townsend.
18. Captain	238	T. W. Doyle.
19. Duke of Verona	414	R. E. Desai.
20. U N II	750	Ado 5 cents.
21. November	336	Takushi.
22. Mish Mish	848	E. A. Trout.
23. Movannagher	693	W. Nicholson.
24. Harlene	180	A. H. Mason.
1st prize		\$630.00
2nd prize		282.50
3rd prize		137.50
21 at \$10 each		210.00

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE RACES.

The following traffic regulations in connection with the Hong Kong Jockey Club annual race meeting have been authorised by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G. (Captain Superintendent of Police):—

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After 3 p.m. vehicles proceeding to the Race Course will proceed via Queen's Road East, Arsenal Street, Praya East, Percival Street and Wong Nei Chong Road. Vehicles returning from the races proceed via Morrison Gap Road and Queen's Road East.

There will be one way traffic only in Queen's Road East from Arsenal Street to the Monument from 11 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from West to East from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from East to West from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Kennedy Road will be open to east bound traffic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and to west bound traffic from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

FANLING HUNT.

STEEPLECHASE MEETING.

The following is the programme of the Steeplechase Meeting to be held at Kwanti on March 3rd. The first race starts at 3 p.m.

Dowbiggin Cup Handicap.

About 1½ Miles.
For China ponies kept in the M.L. Lines to be ridden by owners, being members of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. For cup presented by Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin.

March Maiden Stakes.

About One Mile.
For China ponies that have never won a Steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started this season at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs.

Hartford Cup.

About 1½ Miles.
For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners this season of one open Steeplechase 5 lbs. penalty, of two or more 10 lbs. penalty. For a cup presented by Mrs. G. B. Hartford, with \$100 added.

March Handicap.

About 1½ Miles.
For China ponies.
Scots Guards Regimental Race.
About 2½ miles over natural country, finishing round the Steeplechase course. For China ponies the property of officers of the Scots Guards. Weight for inches as per scale. For a cup presented by Lieut. Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, Bart, D.S.O., M.V.O.

Moderate Plate.

About Seven Furlongs.
For China ponies that have started at this meeting or previously at Kwanti. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at Kwanti this season 12 lbs. penalty. Ponies that have started at this Meeting allowed 5 lbs.

GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP WINNER.

In the semi-final round of the Captain's Cup 1927, match play stage D. Forbes beat A. E. Lissoman by 2 and 1 and F. J. de Rome beat T. S. Whyte Smith by 3 and 1. The Cup was won by D. Forbes, who beat de Rome in the final by 1 up.

TAIKOO BEAT THE POLICE.

The match between Taikoo and the Police, over the Happy Valley course yesterday morning, ended in an easy win for Taikoo by 6½ points to 1½.

R. C. Wallace beat P. P. J. Woodhouse.
J. Laing beat F. C. Booker.
J. Stewart beat A. J. W. Doring.
E. Moore beat T. H. King.
W. W. G. Davis halved with F. James.
G. McLeod beat W. Kent.
T. Young lost to A. E. Charman.
J. H. Stewart beat E. Ellis.

FEATHERWEIGHT BOXING CHAMPIONSHIP.

[LITTLE'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Feb. 10th.
For the world's featherweight boxing championship Tony Canzone of New York defeated Benny Bass of Philadelphia on points after a gruelling contest.

It transpired after the fight that Benny Bass sustained a dislocation of his right shoulder.

THE PERFECT MAN OF TENNESSEE.

A COMING RHODES SCHOLAR.

New York, Jan. 6th.
Tennessee, already famous for other reasons, has produced "the perfect man" and he is to be a Rhodes Scholar. It was the judges who selected him as the State's nominee, who called him perfect. There were 15 other candidates, but none of them had a chance against Mr. William Everett Derrberry, who, said the judges, was a man "whose like we never saw before." When he gets through Oxford he is going to be a professor of English. Just now he is a student, the best student in the University of Tennessee.

Mr. Derrberry has never had a grade lower than "A," which is the highest grade there is. He has won three faculty scholarship medals for highest class averages, and "expects to break this record before graduating in June." Mr. Derrberry avows, plays baseball, golf, and basketball as few others can. As a half-back he was a member of a football team the performance of which was as perfect as his own. But his versatility does not end there. He is president of the Student Council and Glee Club, and he sings, plays in the band, and directs a church choir, "and is a member of the Knoxville Y.M.C.A. Cabinet."

SAINT PETER'S CHURCH.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR REPORTED.

GOOD WORK BY THE YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

Members of the Congregation of St. Peter's Church held their annual meeting yesterday in the library of the Sailors' Home (West Point) after the choral Eucharist was celebrated.

An interesting report of the year's working was presented by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. W. R. Griggs. It read:

Since we met last this Congregation has shown little outward change but a good deal of inward advancement. The past year's record is bound up with the devoted work (done without remuneration) of a few of the clergy, particularly the Rev. N. V. Halward. This period marks the growth of several organisations which were formed in connection with the Church.

The Ladies' Guild.

The Ladies' Guild formed a couple of years ago, enjoyed a new lease of life since Miss Pope (and lately Miss Mow Fung) took up the Secretaryship. Recently the Guild adopted the name of the Guild of Martha and Mary.

The Servers' Guild.

This guild started well, and at the beginning of the year, members met regularly for devotion and discussion. These meetings, however, were not maintained, and at present efforts are being made towards a revival.

Holy Communion.

This naturally leads on to a review of the position of Holy Communion which takes such a prominent part in our Church life. It might not be out of place to suggest that systematic instruction should be given on the Office of Holy Communion—its foundation, its tremendous spiritual value to the individual, its significance and the manner of its reception.

Though during the year under review the number of communicants have risen 17 per cent., it is felt that greater benefits could be derived from this great Service if more was known of the significance and meaning of the various parts of that Office, with the aim of making the Eucharist the principal service of this Church as it should be, your Council decided to hold it twice a month instead of once a month. The wisdom of this decision is shown by an increased attendance at this service.

The Choir.

The Choir is at present maintained by a few enthusiasts, led by the Organist, Mrs. Griggs, and to her is largely due the pronounced improvement of the singing. The same reference to servers applies to members of the Choir who should be made to realise, upon joining, that on them rests the responsibility of leading in acts of worship.

A Helpful Club.

The Young Men's Club, formed at the end of 1923, began to function in 1927 under the able, sympathetic and energetic leadership of Rev. N. V. Halward, to whom so much is due for the rapid advance of the Church. Both the Church and the Club is a concrete example of what co-operation and devotion can do. In conjunction with the Church, this Club has been conducting two Sunday School classes for children. Parents are urged to send the children to these classes which are being held every Sunday at 3.00 p.m. at No. 88, Bonham Road. In November last, this Club with the blessing of the Church Council and the help of this congregation, successfully organised a Garden Fete. This organisation has since been taken over by the Church and in future will be run in the Church's name.

Our Branch of the V.D.A. is doing its bit to help forward the work of the Diocese, under the energetic Secretaryship of Dr. Earle and Miss B. Yuen. In September last a picnic for the blind was organised by this Branch with the help of the Young Men's Club and some 70 blind girls availed themselves of this picnic. Later during the year money was raised to provide them with a Christmas Treat.

The year closed with the departure of Mr. Copley Moyle, who gave much of his time, thought and prayer to this little Church. Through his instrumentality, as well as that of Dr. Earle, St. Peter's is now closely linked with the Cathedral and we look forward with eagerness to the appointment of the Permanent Chaplain, a large portion of whose stipend is being met by the Mother Church.

There is little to report about the interior of the new Church. The scheme for the removal of the Sailors' Home is not being proceeded with at present, the question of the removal of this Church, which is part of the Scheme, would have to stand over for the time being.

(Continued on next Column.)

MUSSOLINI IN PERFECT HEALTH.

DR. CASTELLANI'S STATEMENT.

ONE OF WORLD'S GREATEST WORKERS.

LONDON, Jan. 14th.
Rumours, again revived, concerning the health of Signor Mussolini, the Italian Premier, are entirely unfounded, according to Dr. Aldo Castellani, a Harley-street physician and director of tropical medicine at the Ross Institute, Putney Heath.

When in Rome last week Dr. Castellani examined the Italian Premier and found him to be in perfect health.

In a statement to *The Daily Mail*, medical correspondent, he said:

"I am a great admirer of Mussolini and particularly for having inoculated the Italians of every class with the desire of working hard. The *dolce far niente* spirit has completely disappeared under his magic stimulus."

Mussolini is one of the greatest workers in the world; from early morning until late at night he never ceases. He takes only a few minutes for his simple meals; he never touches wine or spirits or alcohol of any kind. His only relaxation is riding. That the Premier is in perfect health is proved by this photograph (which shows Mussolini on horseback taking a fence). No man, suffering from the serious disease people are talking about so much could possibly ride daily and take jumps as he does.

20 Hours' Work A Day.

Dr. Castellani is an old medical adviser of Mussolini and was consulted when, three years ago, the Premier was seriously ill. In London medical circles he is known as the hardest of all scientific workers and is to those who advocate the necessity of 8 hours' sleep a physiological puzzle. He seldom goes to bed before 4 a.m., is the first up in his house, and averages 12 to 20 hours of work a day. He is now on the way to New Orleans to deliver a winter course of lectures at the Tulane University, in which he holds a professorship.

A Distinct Gain.

Your Council's policy for the future will be one of consolidation, just as the past year have been one of expansion. Whether our small numbers is an advantage or not, may be problematical, but the fact that our congregation is not a changing one, is a distinct gain, and it is up to us to make the best of it.

If our coming, week by week, to Holy Communion and to the Worship of God, does not bear good fruit, then we have come amiss. We should concentrate this year in sanctifying and consolidating the various organisations which have arisen during the past year or two.

The Financial Report.

The Hon. Treasurer's report for the year showed that \$1,531.30 had been expended for payment of clergy, repairs and other incidental expenses. Against this subscriptions and donations and offerings amounting to \$1,129.08 had been collected. The balance brought forward from last year was \$290.91. During the whole year only \$16 coming under the heading of "wedding fee" had been collected.

The credit balance in hand amount to \$909.30, of which \$688.08 belongs to the "Chaplain's Fund." The cash balance was therefore \$221.22, which showed a slight decrease from last year's.

Donations and subscriptions were received from the following:—

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Mr. Geo. Grimble	10.00
St. Stephen's Girls' College	100.00
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club	300.00
	\$600.00

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members of the Church Council were re-elected:—Chairman: The Dean of Hong Kong (The Very Rev. A. Gwam); Treasurer: Mr. H. A. Allen; Secretary: Mr. G. W. R. Griggs. Committee: Dr. S. W. Phoon, Mr. A. W. Miller, Miss R. Mow Fung, Miss R. Pope, Miss M. Yuen, and Mr. G. S. Zimmerman.

The sidesmen elected were:—Mr. H. A. Allen, Mr. W. Allen, Mr. A. W. Miller, Mr. A. P. Bamy, Mr. V. G. Thomas and Mr. G. Roswell. The V.A.D. Council were elected as follows: Mr. A. E. Lea and Miss Bertha Yuen.

The proposal to elect two collectors for the British Bible Society was left to be considered by the Society, but in the meanwhile, as suggested by the Rev. N. V. Halward, one of the members will devote a week to the work of this collection.

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A YEAR'S PROGRESS IN TELEVISION.

PHONOVISION AND NOCTOVISION.

January 8th.
At this time last year, television was being described as the New Year Wonder. Images had been transmitted over short distances, at first, from one room to another, and then from London to Harrow, showing recognisable human faces. What has happened since? "The past year," Mr. John L. Baird said in an interview with a representative of *The Observer*, "has seen very great improvements, not only in the clarity and definition of the images transmitted, but also in the work of simplifying the apparatus and increasing the range."

The greatest problem to be faced in commercialising the apparatus is that of reducing it to a form in which it can be handled by the general public, produced at a reasonable price, and guaranteed to give results which will be acceptable to the man in the street. "During the past year considerable steps in this direction have been taken. As an example of the progress, I may recall the very successful transmission between London and Glasgow. In this case, with only three operators and the use of an ordinary trunk telephone line between London and Glasgow, images were transmitted of sufficient clarity to make persons in London clearly recognisable by their friends in Glasgow. I, myself, was immediately recognised when my image appeared on the screen of the television in Glasgow, while I was in Motograph House in London. The receiving ap-

paratus was of the simplest character, being contained in a small portable box. "The question of placing these machines on the market is naturally of the greatest interest to the general public, and there is no reason why even at this moment a receiving machine should not be marketed. It is, however, a question of policy whether it would be advisable to place in the hands of the public an article on which further experiments are still being made and therefore possibly of an unfinished type. "We are now actively engaged in further simplifying the apparatus and in increasing the amount of detail transmitted. We are also at work upon noctovision, that is vision in darkness, which, I believe, has more immediate possibilities for commerce than television. The experiments in noctovision are being made with the object of increasing the range and improving the fog-penetrating properties. "In addition to these experiments, work is proceeding with phono-vision, or the recording of vision by means of the gramophone, so that records will give not only the voice but also a moving image of the person singing. The critic may say that this purpose has already been accomplished by the speaking film; but with phono-vision we hope to do it in a much simpler form. "A further application of television in which we are interested is in a slowing-down process with the object of getting an improved form of photo-telegraphy. By slowing down the television process an enormously greater amount of detail can be transmitted. "Altogether, Mr. Baird is very confident of the future, and certain important developments may come sooner than for the moment in London. The receiving ap-



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CARDIFF MURDER GANG.

DEATH SENTENCE UPHELD.

SEQUEL TO FOOTBALLER'S DEATH.

Court of Criminal Appeal.

The Lord Chief Justice Lord Hewart, and Justices Atkin and Branson dismissed the appeals of Daniel Driscoll and the brothers John and Edward Rowlands against the sentence of death passed on them by Mr. Justice Wright at Glamorgan Assizes at Cardiff for the murder of David Lewis, a Rugby football player, on the night of September 26th.

The court declined an application on Driscoll's behalf that he should be allowed to call further evidence.

Mr. Hemmerde, K.C., arguing the appeal for Edward Rowlands, contended that the jury were so inflamed by statements made by Lord Halsbury, K.C. (counsel for the Crown), that they acted upon evidence far too flimsy to support a case of the gravity of this one. Lord Halsbury had remarked that the prisoners "never got on with Lewis." That not only was not true but was in the teeth of all the evidence.

"I contend," declared Mr. Hemmerde, "that counsel had no right to make that remark because it was false and misleading, and there was no possible excuse for it."

Lord Halsbury's Retort.

Lord Halsbury: I cannot stand that. I must say at once that I had the statement of two witnesses before me that justified the remarks I made, but unfortunately they did not say it in evidence.

Lord Hewart: Had you not better wait until you address the court for the Crown?

Lord Halsbury: It seems to be a personal attack on me. Mr. Hemmerde: My friend knows me well enough to know that I would make no personal attack on him. I have a duty to my client and, however unpleasant it is, I must do it.

Continuing, Mr. Hemmerde remarked that Lord Halsbury also stated: "These men were out to put Lewis out of the way." The evidence was to the contrary—namely, that all the men were on friendly terms.

"For me, my client," proceeded Mr. Hemmerde, who indicated Edward Rowlands, nicknamed "Tich," as he stood up in the dock. "He is a small, undersized man. Lewis was an athlete and a boxer. Yet it was alleged that this small man tackled Lewis, although later Lewis himself admitted that such was not the case."

The evidence was that Edward Rowlands took no part in the fight. He stood on the edge of the crowd. Mr. Justice Atkin: Then why did he run when told to by the others?

Mr. Hemmerde: His reason, given in evidence, was that he was out of goal on licence and did not wish to be mixed up in a street quarrel.

Prowess Of Counsel.

Mr. Hemmerde submitted that the opening remarks of Lord Halsbury vitiated the whole trial. It was no answer now to argue that counsel for the defence in their reply could make capital out of such a speech. "Murder trials," said Mr. Hemmerde, "are not exhibitions of prowess by counsel."

Mr. Goodman Roberts then addressed the court for John Rowlands, whose case was that he acted in self-defence in a fight that began with an argument.

Lord Hewart's Remarks.

Lord Hewart: (to Lord Halsbury): Do you desire to say anything about your opening speech at the trial? We need not trouble you about anything else.

Lord Halsbury remarked that he was touched by the tribute paid to his prowess by his learned friends at the beginning of the trial should have had more effect on the jury than the lengthy summing-up of the judge three days later. The only thing he could not prove was that the dead man had quarrelled with the prisoners.

Lord Hewart, dismissing the appeals, remarked that it was just possible on the evidence that the jury could have come to the conclusion that the verdict was one of manslaughter, but the summing-up, carefully given, placed the jury in possession of the whole case, and they went away with full knowledge of the facts and the law in their possession. It was quite evident that they were impressed, as they might well have been, with the evidence of the two policemen who saw the whole affair.

Idle Suggestion.

Comment had been made upon the opening speech at the trial of counsel for the Crown (Lord Halsbury). It was to be regretted that, in certain respects, that speech did overstate the case for the prosecution, learned counsel being no doubt misled by matters that had been placed in his hands; but it seemed perfectly idle to suggest that the particular phrases used should after four speeches by counsel for the defence and a long and careful summing-up vitiate the findings of the jury.

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HENPECKED MEN LIVE LONGEST.

WHAT A DOCTOR TOLD A WOMEN'S CLUB.

YORK, Jan. 6th.

This is what Dr. G. W. Kimmins, chief education inspector to the London County Council for many years, said of "henpecked" husbands to the York Women's Luncheon Club to-day:

"Henpecked husbands are the most delightful and childish people in the world. They live longer than those who are not henpecked."

"Some of them are not really henpecked, they are hen-protected. I am certain the time will come, and the sooner the better, when people, before entering on matrimony, will have to produce sufficient evidence that, mentally and physically, they are fit to enter on the profession of parenthood."

The court had been informed of the reason John Rowlands had not been present to hear the appeal. They were, however, only concerned with his condition at the time of the murder.

Driscoll and Edward Rowlands in the dock accepted the decision with apparent indifference. Driscoll took a hasty glance around the court and up to the crowded public galleries before he was removed to the cells.

Rescue Plot Foiled.

ARMED GUARD ON TRAIN JOURNEY.

Unusual precautions taken to guard the three Cardiff murderers, were due to information, which reached the authorities of a plot to rescue at least one of the men.

When Driscoll and Edward Rowlands left the court they were removed to cells, where they remained for more than an hour while detectives patrolled the corridors.

Shortly before 3.30 p.m. police and detectives gathered in the corridor, and soon afterwards Rowlands, between six warders and detectives, was marched out of his cell. After a short interval Driscoll was led out.

The men were placed in separate police tenders in the courtyard. On the driver's seat of each tender were three detectives, and four more were inside the tenders with the prisoners. Detectives travelled in a third tender, as John Rowlands, the third condemned man, who is at Pentonville Prison, was too ill to travel.

At a signal traffic in the Strand was held up, and the tenders drove out of the courtyard with such rapidity that friends of the men, who had gathered outside, hardly realised what had happened.

The men were taken to Paddington and placed in the 5.45 p.m. express to Cardiff. They occupied compartments, with an escort of four, near the guard's van, while warders travelled in another compartment. The blinds were drawn and the doors locked.

Driscoll's Cigarette.

On arrival at Cardiff Driscoll and Rowlands were conveyed to a station near the prison. They were handcuffed and guarded by twelve armed warders.

As he stepped into a taxi to be conveyed to prison, Driscoll was smoking a cigarette. Mr. Harold Lloyd, solicitor, of Cardiff, who is acting for John Rowlands, told a reporter that Rowlands' condition was worse and that he would be examined at Pentonville Prison by Home Office medical experts.

A DANGEROUS GANG.

Commenting on the case the Daily Mail said: The Court of Criminal Appeal upheld the conviction of the three men who were sentenced to death at Cardiff last month for the murder of David Lewis. It is unusual for three men to be sentenced to death for the murder of one person; and, if the crime were an ordinary one, there would be no doubt, a strong movement in favour of reprieving the less guilty of the three.

Unfortunately, however, the crime was a quite exceptional one in its atrocity and affords not the slightest foundation for any sentimental appeal. Certainly two, and probably all three, of the murderers were members of a dangerous gang, and the murder was perpetrated with revolting savagery, two of them holding the victim's arms while the third cut his throat. The three were guilty beyond a doubt, and the members of the jury showed great public spirit by convicting them and refusing to be terrorised.

The people of this country do not mean to have the criminal methods of Chicago—where fear, corruption by armed gangs is common—introduced here. The very magnitude of the precautions so wisely taken by the police shows that the authorities had no doubt of the character of the convicts with whom they were dealing.

The verdict of Guilty was the proper one, and the sentence was just.

MR. THOMAS HARDY.

HIS BOYHOOD'S FRIENDS.

"WRITING IS NOT RESPECTABLE."

DORCHESTER, Jan. 13th.

If you were to talk, as I to-day have talked, with the folk of Dorchester and the hamlets round about it, writes a Daily Mail correspondent, you would not be made to feel that in the death of Thomas Hardy the world has lost a great figure in the world of literature; you would be made to understand rather that they had lost a very dear old friend.

This morning when the older men and women of High Bockhampton, the little village a mile or so away, heard that the world-famed poet and novelist was dead, they said simply, "Poor old Tom," for it was at Higher Bockhampton, in a secluded, thatched cottage, that Thomas Hardy was born 97 years ago, and he has ever been just "Tom" to the men and women who knew him when he was a boy.

Sudden Change.

Mrs. Hardy was not prepared for the change that occurred so rapidly. Only a few hours before his heart suddenly failed he had been listening with keen pleasure to some of the poems in Mr. De la Mare's "The Listeners," read aloud to him by his wife.

There is a tragic fitness in the fact that the last things to be read to him at his own request were a few stanzas from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, in which occur the lines:

One moment in Annihilation's waste.
One moment of the Well of Life to taste—
The stars are setting and the Caravan
Starts for the Dawn of Nothing—
—Oh, make haste!

Loved The Village.

Lifelong friends of Mr. Hardy have told me that he had always talked of resting at last in Stinsford Churchyard in the shade of an ancient yew whose branches, moved by the rain and wind, were to-day gently tapping his first wife's tomb.

In this church Mr. Hardy's grandfather, who died in 1837, used to play the cello when the music of fiddles accompanied the services. Mr. Hardy's father played the violin.

The rector, the Rev. H. G. B. Cowley, told me how up to a little more than a month ago Mr. Hardy used to come to the churchyard with flowers for the grave of his first wife, who died in 1912. Whenever he could get them he would bring wild flowers.

A Very Shy Man.

"Thomas Hardy," he said, "was an essentially simple character for all his genius, and he was one of the shyest men in the world. He used frequently to come with Mrs. Hardy to tea here, and he would sit and gossip about happenings in the village, just like the simplest villager. He could never be drawn to talk about his work."

MISS TERESA HARDY.

"DID NOT FIND HIS QUEER CHARACTERS HEREABOUTS."

DORCHESTER, Jan. 13th.

Before the decision was taken to inter Mr. Hardy's heart at Stinsford, Miss Teresa Hardy, his cousin, aged 84, was one of those most strongly opposed to an Abbey burial.

Though bent with the weight of her years, she is extremely alert mentally. When I saw her to-day in her little stone-floored cottage a few miles from Max Gate, the late Mr. Hardy's home, she said with many a doleful shake of her head:

I am grieved that they are going to take poor Tom away to London. He wanted, I know, to lie with his own folk in the churchyard yonder.

Poor Tom. He was a clever boy, but I never thought he would take to writing, and I did not like it when he did. Writing, I think, is not a respectable way of earning a living.

I am quite sure that he did not find all his queer characters hereabouts. He must have discovered a good many of them when he went to London.

The rector of Stinsford, Mr. Cowley, showed me to-day a letter written to him four years ago by Mr. Thomas Hardy in which the author said: " regard me as a workaholic, certainly. I hope to be still more one when I am in a more positive one day."

To-day, with one of Mr. Hardy's most intimate friends by my side, I went into the great writer's death chamber and looked upon his face. In life it was a homely face, but full of the dignity of profound thought; in death it has taken on a tranquil majesty but still retains the human kindness.

He lay with his scarlet gown of Doctor of Letters about him and on his breast glittered the Order of Merit. On his heart lay too a little posy of winter-blooming flowers plucked by his wife in their garden. Blood-red tulips were set on a little table by his bedside and wreaths of lilies spread upon a couch at the foot of the bed, filling the room with a faint fragrance.

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Hong Kong Observatory, February 12th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer...	30.03	30.18	30.19
Temperature...	70	58	55
Humidity...	66	91	82
Wind...			
Direction...	W	ENE	N
Force...	2	4	2
Weather...	0.0	0.0	OD
Rain...	0.0	0.0	0.0

Highest open-air Temperature, 11th: 70
Lowest open-air Temperature, 12th: 50

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.
From February 13th to 19th, 1928.

	High Water.	Low Water.
Day of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Hong Kong Standard Time.

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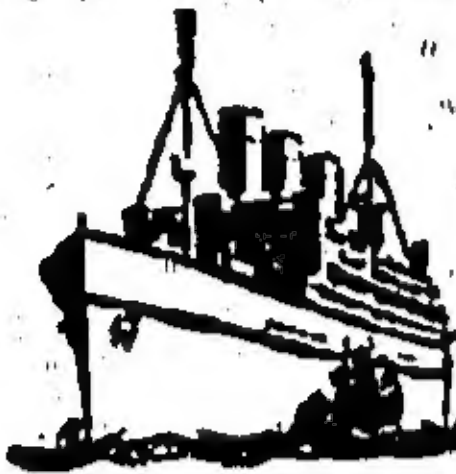
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WEEK-END FREIGHT RETURNS.

STATEMENT FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

MODERATE CARGOES.

Although there were 37 vessels arriving in the Colony during the week-end, only moderate cargoes were returned. Sunday showed the better returns for the two days and through cargoes were also heavier on that day. There were 31 departures during the week-end. With sixteen arrivals and 15 departures for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Saturday. There were 11,387 tons of cargo for local discharge, of which, four British steamers contributed 4,031 tons. The two best returns were 2,362 tons by a Japanese ship and 2,000 tons by a British vessel.

Yesterday's Statement.

The arrivals up to 9 a.m. yesterday totalled 21, while there were seventeen departures. Cargoes manifested for this port were higher than the previous day, while the through cargoes were moderate.

There were 20,831 tons of merchandise for the Colony of which 4,315 tons were carried by four British vessels. The two best returns were shown by the *Haruna* from Samarinda with 3,003 tons and the *Sunang* from Sandakan with 2,992 tons.

Through freights was also high, there being 22,734 tons of general cargo. Of this 2,411 tons were carried by three British steamers. The two best returns were shown by the *President Van Buren*, with 5,337 tons from Boston and Shanghai, and the *a.s. Tottori* from Yokohama and Moji with 4,408 tons.

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the week-end ending at 9 a.m. yesterday morning were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	12	12
Japanese	9	7
Chinese	10	6
French	1	1
American	1	1
Norwegian	1	1
Danish	0	1
Italian	0	1
Total	37	31

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.	
President Jackson, to-morrow.	
Australian-Oriental Line.	
Taipei, Mar. 9th.	
Changte, April 6th.	
Bank Line.	
City of Adelaide, Feb. 17th.	
City of Durban, March 16th.	
City of Dunkirk, Mar. 17th.	
City of Bombay, April 4th.	
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.	
City of Carlisle, April 14th.	
City of Roubaix, April 14th.	
City of Birmingham, May 4th.	
City of Athens, May 12th.	
City of Chester, May 22nd.	
City of Tokyo, June 9th.	
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.	

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Arny, to-morrow.	
Sakura, to-morrow.	
Yokohama, Feb. 25th.	
Porto, Feb. 25th.	
Paul Lecoq, Mar. 14th.	
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<i>Polyphemus</i> , Feb. 29th.	
<i>Calchas</i> , Mar. 5th.	
<i>Athena</i> , Mar. 10th.	
<i>Tyndarus</i> , Mar. 18th.	
<i>Menelaus</i> , Mar. 22nd.	
<i>Eurylochus</i> , Mar. 27th.	
<i>Automedon</i> , April 1st.	
<i>Proteus</i> , April 10th.	
<i>Phenicia</i> , April 11th.	
<i>Agapenor</i> , April 15th.	
<i>Knight of Companion</i> , April 21st.	
<i>Orestes</i> , April 22nd.	
<i>Laomedon</i> , April 24th.	
<i>Dioned</i> , April 25th.	
<i>Talthyphus</i> , May 1st.	
<i>Ulysses</i> , May 2nd.	
<i>Autonoe</i> , May 3rd.	
<i>Teucer</i> , May 2nd.	
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<i>President Pierce</i> , to-day.	
<i>East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.</i>	

Australia, to-morrow.

<i>Asia</i> , Feb. 27th.	
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<i>Danmark</i> , May 25th.	

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Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.

<i>Oldenburg</i> , to-morrow.	
<i>Havelland</i> , Feb. 25th.	
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DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

MARINE COURT.

[BY LONGHOREMAN.]

At the Marine Court on Saturday morning, Fung Tai the master of a cargo boat No. 4987, was summoned before Commander G. F. Hole, for mooring his cargo boat along side of the gangway of the *a.s. Polim Hall*, thereby obstructing the free access of other vessels.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.00 with the alternative of 10 day's hard labour.

Casualty At Sea.

The master of the *a.s. Hong Hwa* arriving from Rangoon and Singapore reports one case of suicide on board.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Asiatic Deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the week-end numbered 2,881.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were—

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle*; South Wall Basin, *Peterel*, *Cicala*, *Gannet*; East Wall Basin, *Nessus*, *Tern*, *S.M. L. 5*, *L. 19*; North Arm, *Ambrose*, *Hollyhock*, *S.M. 3*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins*, *Petersfield*; In Dock, *Herald*, *S.M. L. 1*, *L. 27*; No. 1 Buoy, *Argus*; No. 3 Buoy, *Marston*; No. 4 Buoy, *Irquana*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titanica*; No. 8 Buoy, *Magnum*; No. 10 Buoy, *Scorpio*; Thracian, No. 11 Buoy, *Somme*; Senny, No. 12 Buoy, *Scorpio*; Senny, No. 13 Buoy, *Brace*; No. 14 Buoy, *Ruthenia*, *Kharki*; No. 15 Buoy, *France*; Oil Fuel Jetty, *Belgic*, *Fort*; Kowloon Anchorage, *Har Afriid*.

Foreign Men of War: Portuguese, *Pera De Alenquer*; U.S.S. *Arcturion*; French, *Argus*; Italian, *Scabellino*; Cuban, *Argus*; Japanese, *Kanaga*.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha

<i>Tango Maru</i> , Feb. 16th.	
<i>Tasmania Maru</i> , Feb. 16th.	
<i>Morioka Maru</i> , Feb. 17th.	
<i>Anyo Maru</i> , Feb. 18th.	
<i>Calcutta Maru</i> , Feb. 19th.	
<i>Hakone Maru</i> , Feb. 19th.	
<i>Mishima Maru</i> , Feb. 21st.	
<i>Katori Maru</i> , Feb. 24th.	
<i>Waji Maru</i> , Feb. 27th.	
<i>Kawachi Maru</i> , Feb. 28th.	
<i>Muroran Maru</i> , March 2nd.	
<i>Sakura Maru</i> , March 4th.	
<i>Takatsugu Maru</i> , March 8th.	
<i>Taima Maru</i> , March 9th.	
<i>Iyona Maru</i> , Mar. 9th.	
<i>Sado Maru</i> , March 10th.	
<i>Dokuyo Maru</i> , April 6th.	
<i>Hakata Maru</i> , April 6th.	
<i>Kanagawa Maru</i> , May 9th.	
<i>Wakan Maru</i> , June 8th.	

Peninsular and Oriental.

<i>Karimla</i> , to-day.	
<i>Kashmir</i> , Feb. 17th.	
<i>Khyber</i> , Feb. 17th.	
<i>Kalyan</i> , Feb. 24th.	
<i>Manila</i> , Mar. 1st.	
<i>Nagpur</i> , March 5th.	
<i>Mongolia</i> , Mar. 16th.	
<i>Lahore</i> , March 18th.	
<i>Morea</i> , Mar. 29th.	
<i>Jeypore</i> , April 9th.	
<i>Kashgar</i> , April 15th.	
<i>Malwa</i> , April 20th.	
<i>Nagpur</i> , May 7th.	
<i>Devalia</i> , May 10th.	
<i>Macdonia</i> , May 24th.	
<i>Nankin</i> , June 4th.	

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"KIDDERPORE"	8,853	25th Feb.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"MACDONIA"	11,190	3rd Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"ALPORE"	9,273	7th Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KHYBA"	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,853	17th Mar.	Marseilles, Liden, Antwerp & Hull.
"KIRZAPORE"	6,716	18th Mar.	Strait, Colombo & Bombay.
"KARMALA"	9,125	24th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,948	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April	Marseilles and London.
"KONGOLLA"	12,304	14th April	do.
"NAGPORE"	8,853	21st April	do.
"MOREA"	10,948	28th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	18th May	Marseilles and London.
"JEYPURE"	8,818	19th May	do.
"MALWA"	10,888	20th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	25th June	Marseilles and London.
"NOVARA"	6,989	16th June	do.
"RANPURA"	16,001	22nd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KHYBER"	9,114	7th July	Marseilles and London.
"NANKIN"	7,048	14th July	do.
"KAWALPINDI"	16,019	21st July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	8,853	4th Aug.	Marseilles and London.
"RAMPUTANA"	16,489	19th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st Sept.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,926	15th Sept.	do.

